

# Planning and Zoning Board and City Commission Public Hearing Comments

Proposed Somerset Grace Academy Charter School - Change in Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review Applications -  
624 Anastasia Avenue (University Baptist Church), Coral Gables, Florida

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144.	04 01 11	Lainie Suarez Butler 3620 Toledo Street Coral Gables, FL 33134		X <sup>1</sup>		<p>From: Lainie SuarezButler [mailto:lainie.suarezbutler@gmail.com] Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 1:35 PM To: somerset school comments; Foeman, Walter Subject: Somerset Gables Support (Neighbor)</p> <p>Dear Mayor and Commissioners,</p> <p>I was born and raised in Miami/Coral Gables attended college in Pennsylvania and lived in NYC for 12 years. Growing up, my parents always strived to give me the best education that money could buy. At the time (right or wrong), there was a belief that spending money guaranteed you a great education. I left Miami to attend college at Villanova University where I realized that many of my peers never went to private school. I have to admit this seemed odd to me. However, I quickly learned that my peers were just as well or even better prepared than I was for a difficult college curriculum. My husband went to public school his entire childhood. He received a fantastic education scored well on his entrance exams and was extremely successful academically at Villanova. He's opened my eyes to truly believe that a public education can and should work for our kids. Times have changed and many new parents of my generation can't easily pay for a private education the way our parents did for us especially when we are saving for growing college tuition costs. Where does this leave us?</p> <p>After college, I spent 12 years living in various neighborhoods within NYC. I always knew that I wanted to return to Coral Gables to raise my family and in 2008 I finally convinced my husband that it was time. We spent 18 months living with my parents because we were looking for that perfect home in the perfect neighborhood. The perfect neighborhood means to me having excellent public school options. However, I have learned that this concept does not really exist in Coral Gables. I remain shocked about how different things are here vs NYC. In NYC, it is known that the hardest neighborhoods to live in (most expensive) are those with the best schools. This is not a coincidence. We need to move beyond feeling that private school is the only option for our kids or the controlled choice which, as we all know, is not much of a choice at all but rather where you end up being placed.</p> <p>My son's name is Hugo. He is entering Kindergarten next year. The other kids from his small Montessori know where they will be going to school next year. My son keeps asking me and I just don't have an answer for him.</p> <p>I urge the city commission to vote in favor of a significant expansion of Somerset Gables. We live a 1/2 mile away from the school and truly believe that its an excellent idea to have</p>

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145.	04 01 11	Carla Crossno Carls_crossno@hotmail.com		X <sup>1</sup>		<p>CC: wfoeman@coralgables.com From: whatmeworry535@gmail.com To: carla_crossno@hotmail.com Subject: Re: Somerset Gables Date: Thu, 31 Mar 2011 07:40:00 -0400</p> <p>Thank you Ms. Crossno for your email. I will make sure it is part of the public record on this issue.</p> <p>Kind regards, Maria Anderson</p> <p>On Mar 30, 2011, at 4:08 PM, Carla Crossno wrote:</p> <p>March 30, 2011</p> <p>Dear Mrs. Anderson,</p> <p>I am writing in support of Somerset Gables. As a resident of Coral Gables with school-aged children, I consider the issue of education to be paramount—and the one that will be the basis on which I will vote in the coming election.</p> <p>The public education options in Coral Gables, and beyond, are currently insufficient for demand. As an example, my son was placed 185th and 233rd on waiting lists during the kindergarten magnet application process last year, at Henry West Lab and Ada Merritt, respectively. This year, we are again on a waiting list, this time at Sunset Elementary and Ada Merritt for first grade. Unfortunately, I do not know his place on those waiting lists, but nonetheless, another anxious cycle is taking its course with an unknown outcome.</p> <p>Beyond the magnet application process, we participated in the Gables controlled choice process last year and were placed on the waiting list at Sunset. Ultimately, my son did not receive a slot at Sunset and we were directed to Carver Elementary. Unfortunately, the educational offering and test scores at Carver are not comparable to those at Sunset. As a result, my husband and I placed our son at a private school so that he could have a rich educational experience.</p>

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						<p>While this is my personal story, this is an angst-ridden scenario playing out at homes across the Gables and our broader community.</p> <p>You may be asking yourself why this matters to you. It should matter to you for a couple of reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o If families with school-aged children cannot find acceptable primary education for their children—in sufficient quantity to meet demand—in the Gables, they will seek these options elsewhere. In places like Pinecrest, Key Biscayne and Coconut Grove, where controlled choice lotteries do not dictate the educational fate of their children. Or perhaps they will leave Florida all together, seeking a locale with both good educational options and more affordable housing. In either case, the Gables will lose mid-career, tax paying residents. This means fewer families will sell first homes to buy bigger homes in the Gables—fewer people will be eating in Gables restaurants, fewer will frequent local shops.</li> <li>o Our collective future is dependent on our ability to educate ALL of our children. Not just yours, not just mine, ALL children. If one out of three children do not graduate from high school this will affect all of us. If you are a homeowner, it means fewer buyers that will ever be interested in purchasing your home. If you are a business owner, it means fewer customers will ever buy your product or service. Perhaps it also means that your home and business are more vulnerable to crime, because if individuals in our community do not have high quality options throughout their school-aged years, they may become financially unstable and may make destructive or criminal decisions in the future—and your family or your business may be a victim of their acts. Beyond the negative, a community is comprised of not just folks that have lived here for twenty years, but those that arrived a few years, months or days ago. Further, it is comprised of people with both foreign and United States passports. The needs and aspirations of all members of the community matter.</li> </ul> <p>Gables residents look to our elected officials to consider the needs of all community members—from the most senior to the most youthful. A strong, accessible, educational system is critical to making Coral Gables and Miami world class. A city can be beautiful, but it must also be strong. Charming buildings and well landscaped roundabouts do not make a city robust—nor do they ensure the future of a place. Education has always been the path to prosperity. Perhaps a corollary is that lack of education leads to poverty. This can apply to individuals and to a city.</p> <p>Make a decision to allow more children to have access to high quality education here in Coral Gables.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Do it because you believe offering ample slots in high quality schools is a moral imperative.</p>

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146.	04 02 11	Jeanne Ann and Charles R. Rigi 920 Tendilla Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	Please find attached our concerns regarding the above application.

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						<p style="text-align: right;">CHARLES R. RIGL 920 Tendilla Avenue Coral Gables, Florida 33134-6446</p> <p style="text-align: right;">March 30, 2011</p> <p>City of Coral Gables Planning Department 405 Biltmore Way Coral Gables, FL 33134</p> <p>Re: Change of Land Use, Conditional Use and Site Plan Review SUMMERSET GRACE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL 624 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida</p> <p>The projected enrollment of 735 students with staff and maintenance will approach or exceed 800 persons in a residential neighborhood each day. The normal aftercare and extracurricular activities will make the operation 10 hours or more each day. The impact on a quiet neighborhood as Riviera Drive and surrounds will be devastating. The drop off and pickup plans presented will make the entire block surrounding the church a traffic nightmare.</p> <p>I suggest a representative visit St. Philip's School and St. Theresa during arrival and dismissal hours. Neither of these schools are on main thoroughfares. St. Philip's is capped by the city at 180 students. Somerset is proposing over 4 times that enrollment.</p> <p>Will the city question the need of an additional school at this location? A charter school is a profit center for salaries of the operators and authorization by the Miami-Dade County School Board should not override the city's right to govern a location.</p> <p>My wife and I strongly oppose the location of a 735 student charter school at the intersection of Segovia and Riviera and trust the Planning and Zoning Board will not approve the proposed ordinances.</p> <p>CHARLES R. RIGL JEANNE ANN RIGL cc: Biltmore Neighborhood Association</p>
147.	04 02 11	Jesus and Cristina Ayo 626 Almeria Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:ayoship@aol.com">ayoship@aol.com</a>		X		
148.	04 03 11	Thomas Whitmoyer		X		To Whom it May Concern,

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		Brand Managing Director Rum Bacardi USA				<p>Please find attached a letter in support of the expansion of Somerset Gables. Regards, Thomas Whitmoyer</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: right;">April 3rd, 2011</p> <p>City of Coral Gables Commission</p> <p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am writing to you in support of Somerset Academy Coral Gable's petition to expand their enrollment.</p> <p>I recently moved to Coral Gables from Westchester County, New York to assume an Executive position at Bacardi USA, Inc. In my short time here, I have been consistently impressed with the high quality of life in Coral Gables. Coral Gables offers a unique combination of natural beauty, a diverse community, rich cultural options and a vibrant business sector.</p> <p>However, as the parents of two small children, the educational opportunities are the most important factor in our decision of where to permanently re-locate our family. While researching the educational options in Coral Gables, we came into contact with Somerset Academy Gables.</p> <p>We have been extremely impressed with Somerset Academy Gables's innovative approach to education. The innovative learning environment, the use of advanced learning technology and the opportunity for students to pursue a dual language track are three factors that make the school truly unique. Meanwhile, the demonstrated commitment of the teachers, students and parents to advancing the school's mission is inspiring and contributes to the unique learning environment. Finally, Somerset Academy Gables's commitment to being a neighborhood school is a compelling proposition for parents such as us who believe that attending a neighborhood school is highly beneficial both for our children's development and for building strong communities.</p> <p>We would very much like to purchase a home and build a new life for our family in Coral Gables. Given that an increased enrollment at Somerset Academy Gables would enhance our chances of obtaining a place for our children at the school, we ask that you approve the school's petition for an expanded enrollment.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of this letter and for your dedication to ensuring that Coral Gables continues to be a wonderful place to raise a family.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Thomas C. Whitmoyer Vice President, Brand Managing Director Rum Bacardi USA, Inc.</p> </div>
149.	04 04 11	Mr. & Mrs. Jose Lara 3145 Segovia Street			<b>X</b>	Enclosed please find our comment form in reference to the proposed Somerset Charter School at the Univeristy Baptist Church.

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		Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:mlara@doshealthcare.com">mlara@doshealthcare.com</a>				As a resident of Segovia Street for 22 years, I purchased my property relying on the standards of the City of Coral Gables and the practice of enforcing its zoning laws. There is a restrictive covenant that governs the University Baptist Church site that protects the residents and changing zoning would be detrimental not only to the adjacent area but to all Coral Gables residents that relied upon its zoning laws, furthermore it would be a dangerous precedent.
150.	04 04 11	Lawrence D. Kries 748 Catalonia Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:ldkries@bellsouth.net">ldkries@bellsouth.net</a>			X	I strenuously object to the use of the University Baptise Church property as a public (charter) or private school. I am particularly troubled by the idea of expanding the current allowed use as a Child Development Center (with restricted operating hours and a maximum of 110 students) to a full-time school facility with 735 students. Those residents who live in the immediate neighborhood purchased their homes with the knowledge and understanding that the property was allowed to be used as a church. It is unfair to change the use and especially objectionable to expand the allowed size of the school. In addition to 735 students there will be teachers, administrators, parents, and visitors who will be traveling to and from and occupying the facility at least five days per week including some evenings. The introduction of a potentially disruptive neighbor is not a good idea. Please do not approve the application. Thank you for your consideration.
151.	04 04 11	Valerie Robbin 730 Palermo Avenue Coral Gables, FL Flower <a href="mailto:8349@yahoo.com">8349@yahoo.com</a>			X	I do not want to see an increase in the number of students at University Baptist Church from 110 to 735 students. It would prefer the number of students to stay at 110.  I feel the increase in students will add too much congestion in traffic and school buses.
152.	04 04 11	Sara M. enciso 739 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	1. Noise pollution 2. Traffic vehicles & pedestrians 3. Decrease in property value
153.	04 04 11	Drucilla Raymond 731 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	1. Noise pollution 2. Traffic vehicles & pedestrians 3. Decrease in property value
154.	04 04 11	Graciela Pessoa 709 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL				I am concerned with the traffic the neighborhood is going to have especially on the alleys that connect University Drive and Riviera Dr.  Please make a note of this and if possible make a plans so only local traffic or residents can use these alleys.  Thanks.
155.	04 04 11	Jaime Giammattei 3520 Segovia Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:giammateig@gmail.com">giammateig@gmail.com</a>			X	No additional traffic needed on Segovia.
156.	04 04 11	Carla Crossno <a href="mailto:Carla_crossno@hotmail.com">Carla_crossno@hotmail.com</a>		X <sup>1</sup>		From: Carla Crossno [mailto:carla_crossno@hotmail.com] Sent: Wednesday, March 30, 2011 4:05 PM To: Slesnick, Donald Subject:

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157.	04 04 11	Paul Zamek				Please include this economic impact analysis as part of the P&Z report on Somerset

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		Paul.zamek@gmail.com				<p>Gables and enter into public record as well.</p> <p>Thank you. Paul Zamek</p> <div><div>SOMERSET ACADEMY</div><div>Gables</div></div> <p>Somerset Academy looks forward to becoming a part of the Coral Gables community and working with you to make Somerset Academy Gables (Somerset Gables) a reality. It is the school's goal to offer a top-notch education to our children in a safe and enriching environment, while being a good friend and neighbor to those around us.</p> <p><u>About Somerset</u></p> <p>Somerset Academy, Inc. is a Florida not-for-profit educational institution with a 14-year record of successfully operating high-performing charter schools. Somerset is nationally recognized for its award-winning K-12 educational programs and its commitment to educational excellence and continuous improvement. It is the first charter school system in the nation to achieve "district" accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-CASI), the foremost organization granting an external mark of quality and high standards to academic institutions in the Southern region of the U.S.</p> <p>Somerset Gables will focus on delivering educational excellence with an innovative, forward-looking approach. Featuring a dual language program, technology-rich classrooms, a parental contract and a select staff of highly qualified teachers and administrators, Somerset Gables plans to offer an enriching learning environment where children can flourish as individuals while acquiring knowledge and skills essential to their future development.</p> <p><u>Economic Impact on the City of Coral Gables</u></p> <p>The opening of Somerset Gables will be beneficial for the Coral Gables community. New jobs will be created, and since this school is tuition-free, it is reasonable to project a significant amount of disposable income available to the parents of the community as a result of this project. The following is an estimate of the jobs that would be created once the school reaches full enrollment.</p> <table><tr><th colspan="4">PERMANENT JOB CREATION</th></tr><tr><th>Positions</th><th># of Positions</th><th>Average Annual Salary</th><th>Total Annual Salaries</th></tr><tr><td>Teachers</td><td>35</td><td>\$ 42,000</td><td>\$ 1,470, 0000</td></tr><tr><td>Teacher Assistants</td><td>7</td><td>\$ 14,000</td><td>\$ 98,000</td></tr><tr><td>Administrators</td><td>2</td><td>\$ 70,000</td><td>\$ 140,000</td></tr><tr><td>Clerical/Admin. Assistants</td><td>5</td><td>\$ 27,000</td><td>\$ 135,000</td></tr><tr><td>Maintenance/Security</td><td>1</td><td>\$ 20,000</td><td>\$ 20,000</td></tr><tr><td>Total Jobs Created</td><td>50</td><td></td><td>\$ 1,863,000</td></tr></table> <p>For more information about Somerset Academy, please visit the organization's website at <a href="http://www.somersetacademyschools.com">www.somersetacademyschools.com</a>. For updates on Somerset Gables, please visit <a href="http://www.somersetgables.com">www.somersetgables.com</a>.</p>	PERMANENT JOB CREATION				Positions	# of Positions	Average Annual Salary	Total Annual Salaries	Teachers	35	\$ 42,000	\$ 1,470, 0000	Teacher Assistants	7	\$ 14,000	\$ 98,000	Administrators	2	\$ 70,000	\$ 140,000	Clerical/Admin. Assistants	5	\$ 27,000	\$ 135,000	Maintenance/Security	1	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	Total Jobs Created	50		\$ 1,863,000
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158.	04 04 11	Bernie E. Navarro Parent & Neighbor 301 Santander Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134		X		<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>We live 2 blocks away from Somerset Coral Gables and strongly support the expansion plan.</p>																																

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159.	04 05 11	Richardo and Jackeline Londono 628 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:rlondono@mwus.us">rlondono@mwus.us</a>		X		We are in "Full" support of this application. We are immediate neighbors of Somerset Academy and are "Privileged" to have them as part of our neighborhood and community.
160.	04 06 11	Miriam & Chris Meiser 1109 Malaga Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134			X	We object to the re-zoning of the Some Charter School on Anastasia Avenue at the University Baptist Church. This is a residential area that should remain residential.
161.	04 06 11	Joan & Bruce Bounds 3441 Riviera Drive Coral Gables, FL			X	
162.	04 06 11	Lisa Hyder 701 Camilo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="http://Lisahemdssportscare.com">Lisahemdssportscare.com</a>			X	See attached.

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					<p>My family and I vehemently object to the proposed amendment to the Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan that will allow an increase in student population at University Baptist Church from 110 to 735. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN!</p> <p>We live on Camilo Avenue, one block away from the proposed site and our objection is twofold: the obvious being the immediate, negative impact a school of this size will have on our neighborhood and secondly, the potential precedent the amendment change will set for future businesses who could attempt to amend the city's master plan for other private monetary gain.</p> <p>Over the past ten months, others have spoken very eloquently about the repercussions of a 735 student body on our neighborhood. Major issues stand repeating: traffic and increased activity to our residential area. We are especially nervous about the proposed traffic pattern that will wind buses and cars around our house. At a recent "town hall meeting" held at UBC, a police officer from a neighboring city cited his concern based upon professional experience and stressed that traffic during the extended morning and afternoon pick up will present a hardship to this neighborhood.</p> <p>We also are concerned about hours of operation of the building. If it is like any other school, activity will be constant. What about afterschool programs, especially for the middle school students? What about night time open houses and events for parents? This is will affect the neighborhood and is not in line with how it was developed.</p> <p>While the focus is the 735 students, what about the number of staff members it will take to support a school this size? Our estimate is that it will add at least another 75 people (teachers, janitors, aides, office staff) driving to the site – where will they park? During Sunday morning during church services, church members are consistently parking along Cardena and on Riviera Drive directly under the No Parking signs - sometimes on private property because there are few options. This will be even worse, we believe, with a school of this size.</p> <p>We moved to this section of Coral Gables just over 3 years ago. My wife and I did extensive research before we used the majority of our life savings to pay over one million dollars for our home. We knocked on doors and found out that many of our neighbors have lived here over 30 years and expressed what a quiet, beautiful section of Coral Gables this is/was. UBC has been a good neighbor. We are EXTREMELY concerned that our investment and our home are now in jeopardy. We are concerned about Somerset Academy parents using the alley way adjacent to our house in the morning and afternoon as a short cut to the school and preventing us from getting out of our own driveway. This is not what we bought into, and certainly not what we believe the City of Coral Gables would support.</p> <p>We are not against the charter school, just a school of that size in that small of a space in our residential neighborhood. We were present at the City Council meeting when the City offered a compromise number of 210 students. We stand in agreement with that option and feel that it is the maximum number the site and neighborhood could support. If the city really does need an additional school of this size, then careful planning must be made to accommodate students – find a space where there can be a field, a library, in a section of town that is more appropriate. I've heard these question being asked several times-- What about fixing West Lab Elementary</p>


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						<p>School since it seems they have the space to accommodate the proposed numbers? What about a space in downtown Coral Gables?</p> <p>Again, our vote is NO on the request to amend the Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. We love Coral Gables and our beautiful section of the city for what it IS. A school of this size is not appropriate for this neighborhood and neither is a amendment to our city's comprehensive plan that is intended for private gain.</p> <p>Lisa Hyder</p>
163.	04 06 11	George R. Harper 4722 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, FL 33146 <a href="mailto:gharper@harpermeyer.com">gharper@harpermeyer.com</a>		X		
164.	04 06 11	Steven M. Harper 4915 San Amaro Court Coral Gables, FL 33146 <a href="mailto:sharper@harpermeyer.com">sharper@harpermeyer.com</a>		X		Coral Gables needs more top quality schools.
165.	04 06 11	Tina Rodriguez 2600 Hernando Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:trodriguez@harpermeyer.com">trodriguez@harpermeyer.com</a>		X		
166.	04 06 11	Alicia Cordero 3711 SW 27 Lane Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:Alfierd@aol.com">Alfierd@aol.com</a>		X		
167.	04 06 11	Jose Diez <a href="mailto:Jose.diez@ubcmiami.org">Jose.diez@ubcmiami.org</a>		X		<p>From: PastorBill.UBCMIAFL@fellowshiponemail.com [mailto:PastorBill.UBCMIAFL@fellowshiponemail.com] On Behalf Of Pastor Bill Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 11:01 AM To: Jose Diez Subject: Important Update on Somerset School</p> <p>Dear Elci,</p> <p>I thought you would be interested in an update on Somerset Academy Gables. My candid personal observation is that we are helping many people and families who are very pleased with what they are receiving from their school and with the relationship shared with UBC. In a recent note from Principal Ruiz, she celebrated many successes the school has aimed for and achieved in this inaugural year. Ginger Mokher, our Family Ministry Director, likewise reports many positive benefits resulting from Somerset for the families involved.</p> <p>We have been delighted at how the school and parent association have participated with our ministries to provide the block party for the neighborhood last fall and collect food through Feed Miami. Overall, I can happily report that our transition, as we have welcomed the school to our facility and community, has been a beneficial one.</p>

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					<p>I have attached to this brief update an informational letter from the parent association I thought would be of interest to you concerning Somerset's future and its being able to serve even more families in our community. If you are a citizen of Coral Gables, and would like to share your perspective, they stand ready to be of help to you.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Bill White</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CALL TO ACTION</b></p> <p>Dear Parents and Friends:</p> <p><b>The future of Somerset Gables is in your hands!</b> The City of Coral Gables has delayed our public hearing with the Planning &amp; Zoning Board until April 27<sup>th</sup> 2011. This means that our first public discussion about the future of our school will be after the April 12<sup>th</sup> election. In addition to the Mayor's race, there are 2 commission seats being contested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Why does this election matter to me and why should I vote?</i> The 5 City Commissioners will ultimately be voting on the future of Somerset Gables. They will take the recommendations of the Planning &amp; Zoning Board and city staff along with public comments and vote on an appropriate size of the school. A majority of 3 votes in either direction will decide the future of Somerset Gables. This is why the future of Somerset Gables is in your hands.</li> <li>• <b>We have an issue in this campaign. Our issue is Somerset Gables.</b> As the candidates knock on your doors, send correspondence in the mail and even call your homes, tell them that your issue is Somerset Gables and ask them where they stand on the future of our school.</li> <li>• On Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 6pm there will be a forum with all the candidates at the University of Miami Bill Cosford Cinema, 1111 Memorial Drive, Coral Gables. This is a great opportunity for you to get to know the candidates in person and hear what their vision is for our City. The forum is</li> </ul>

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						<p>open to the public, we encourage you to attend. Please rsvp for the Candidates Forum via email to <a href="mailto:rsvp@coralgableschamber.org">rsvp@coralgableschamber.org</a> If you have questions you would like the moderator to ask of the candidates, please include your full name and email your question in advance to <a href="mailto:info@coralgableschamber.org">info@coralgableschamber.org</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the coming weeks, the Somerset Gables Parents Association will be keeping you informed of what the candidates have said publicly about Somerset Gables. To learn more about the candidates now, follow this link to the Coral Gables Home Page: <a href="#">Candidate Profiles</a></li> <li>• If you cannot make it to the polls on April 12<sup>th</sup>, please request an absentee ballot by following this link: <a href="#">Absentee Ballot Request</a> Absentee ballots must be requested by April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011.</li> <li>• We will have a formal letter writing campaign in the next week where we will be asking all parents, friends and supporters of Somerset Gables to write to the city in support of the school. These letters will be submitted as part of the Planning &amp; Zoning meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>. An email from the SGPA with the details of this campaign will be coming soon.</li> </ul> <p>On behalf of the 1,000 applicants, extended family, friends and supporters of Somerset Gables we have the ability to make a difference not only in this election but in this community for generations to come.</p> <p><b>VOTE ON APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>!</b> And don't forget to tell your family and friends to vote as well!</p> <p>-Somerset Gables Parents Association</p>
168.	04 07 11	Paul Zamek <a href="mailto:paul@zamekdevelopment.com">paul@zamekdevelopment.com</a>		X		<p>Please enter the attached exhibit into public record of support for Somerset Gables at the UBC location. This exhibit lists over 150 Coral Gables residents who support Somerset Gables, many of whom are immediate neighbors of UBC.</p> <p>-Somerset Gables Parents Association</p>

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						<div><div><div><p>Students Donate Books to Miami Children's Hospital's Library</p></div><div><p>Students Raise Money for Japan Earthquake Victims at Coral Gables Farmers Market</p></div><div><p>Career Day with Coral Gables Fire Department</p></div><div><p>1st Graders Plant Trees to Open the Annual Arbor Day Celebration</p></div></div><div><div>SOMERSET ACADEMY Gables</div></div><div><div>We are Proud Supporters of Somerset Gables</div><div>Somerset Gables Parents Association and the families below would like to thank the more than 1,000 families in our community for their dedication to adding another high-quality school to Coral Gables</div><div>We are your neighbors...</div><div><div><div><div>Ko &amp; Laine Butler</div><div>Michelle Vires &amp; Michael Vitenson</div><div>Bernie &amp; Claudia Navarro</div><div>Carlos Rodriguez &amp; Gina de la Rosa</div><div>Jorge &amp; Mara Rodriguez-Mena</div><div>Debbie &amp; Phillip Floyd</div><div>Nathan &amp; Annie Zoller</div><div>Christina Gantier &amp; Alex Cantos</div><div>Gabriela Lopez</div><div>Paola &amp; Giuseppe Allegra</div><div>Omar Bueno</div><div>Gaston &amp; Heather Macua</div><div>Javier &amp; Lourdes Arino</div><div>Scott &amp; Jennifer Berger</div><div>Lisa Rodriguez</div><div>Chris McKenney</div><div>Roger &amp; Maria Betancourt</div><div>Lexi Segre</div><div>Michael &amp; Nicole Gualandi</div><div>Sandy Raton</div><div>Maggie Martin</div><div>Alberto Burgos-Tibucco</div><div>Loreta Marcucci</div><div>Alexandra Polak</div><div>Marina Torosian</div><div>Kelly Putnam</div><div>Antonio Martinez</div><div>Caleb Thompson-Estiquez</div><div>Danny Flores</div><div>Mercedes Yanes</div><div>Randy McKey</div><div>Eduardo Delgado</div><div>Mamuel Gonzalez</div><div>Timothy Wessing</div></div><div><div>Dr. &amp; Mrs. Alfred G. Smith</div><div>Aris &amp; Stephanie Angelo</div><div>Paul &amp; Boo Zamack</div><div>Raul Martinez III</div><div>Steven &amp; Betty Harper</div><div>Nimoka Marcucci</div><div>Israel &amp; Catherine Salabarría</div><div>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Eduardo Gross</div><div>Andrea &amp; Maria Luz Zarate</div><div>Cindy del Marmol</div><div>Ricardo &amp; Jacky Londono</div><div>Idea Strongmeyer</div><div>Cindy Delgado</div><div>Cristina Menendez</div><div>Linda Thompson</div><div>Javier Delgado</div><div>Martha McKey</div><div>Alain Yanes</div><div>Daniel Lorenzo</div><div>Liliana Marquez</div><div>Zelena Rivera</div><div>Ledy Garcia</div><div>Maria Rodriguez</div><div>Angie Montoya</div><div>Orly Pascual</div><div>Cecily Wernick</div><div>Judi Berger</div><div>Mariano Martinez</div><div>David Pike</div><div>Ron Thompson</div><div>Isabel Rivas</div><div>Melodee Rodriguez</div><div>Cathryn Coleya</div><div>Daniel &amp; Kirsten Golan</div></div><div><div>Thomas Whitmeyer</div><div>Mason &amp; Denise Harris</div><div>Javier &amp; Kayli Argamasilla</div><div>Raul &amp; Betty Park</div><div>Lydia Acevedo</div><div>Chandra &amp; Freddy Balera</div><div>Carla Garcia</div><div>Oskar &amp; Victoria Larranzi</div><div>Melanie Martinez</div><div>Clarisa Stollenwerck</div><div>Matthew &amp; Stephanie Anders</div><div>Michael Perez</div><div>Lisette Delgado</div><div>Fila Martinez</div><div>Raul &amp; Cristina Herrero</div><div>Giovanna Wessing</div><div>Tricia Menendez</div><div>Vanessa Kayes</div><div>Frank Enriquez</div><div>Unelani Hanson</div><div>Jeremy Flores</div><div>Dr. &amp; Mr. Eduardo Jubis</div><div>Pablo Ferrer</div><div>Isabella Polak</div><div>Lisette Rodriguez</div><div>Victoria Anderson</div><div>Suzanne Brawner</div><div>Juan Carlos Lopez</div><div>Ramon Rodriguez</div><div>Stefanie Madren</div><div>Isabel Schum</div><div>Carla Wilson</div><div>Patricia Marcucci</div><div>Yvonne Martinez</div></div><div><div>Raul &amp; Isabel S. Martinez Jr.</div><div>Tom Gillette &amp; Carla Crossano</div><div>Alison &amp; Carson Merlo</div><div>Maryann &amp; Jeff Greese</div><div>Colby &amp; Jennifer Johnson</div><div>Alfredo Oliva Jr.</div><div>George &amp; Christina Pragnio</div><div>Santita Montoya</div><div>Mitch &amp; AnnMarie Heffer</div><div>Greg Gackle</div><div>Stephanie Gonzalez-Llames</div><div>Jeffrey &amp; Betanama Rader</div><div>Jenna Heyward</div><div>Alberto Miko Jr.</div><div>Jessica Irtzary</div><div>Nadia Martino Rodriguez</div><div>Steven &amp; Robin Johnson</div><div>Joseph Rodriguez</div><div>Geoff Gackle</div><div>Felix Brambilla</div><div>Alex Raton</div><div>Charles Steinhardt</div><div>Vivian Contreras</div><div>Lounay Schum</div><div>David Wernick</div><div>Javier Martinez</div><div>Joseph &amp; Patty Zapater</div><div>Jana Soelker</div><div>Annie Lopez</div><div>Marisa Hawayick</div><div>Peter Yanowitch</div><div>Lourdes Niebla</div><div>Gina Ralph</div></div><div><div>Lora &amp; Raul Lastra</div><div>Layne Haskins</div><div>Allison Langer</div><div>Melissa Medina-Schur</div><div>Ed &amp; Elvira Santamaria</div><div>Luis Revuelta</div><div>Jocelyne Soti</div><div>Manny Puto</div><div>Cristina Martinez</div><div>Judith &amp; Paul Lazarus</div><div>Esperanza Delgado</div><div>Carlos Lopez</div><div>Paola Burgos</div><div>Erin Yanowitch</div><div>Elizabeth Lorenzo</div><div>Yulia Zhuravskaya</div><div>Sergio Munas</div><div>Kimberly Flores</div><div>Jonathan Ralph</div><div>Alejandro Marcucci</div><div>Judy Prado-Lombard</div><div>Elvira C. 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		dnason@rccl.com				<p>The quality of education that Somerset is providing is extraordinary, and should be supported in ways that allow other students to obtain the same educational benefits. I personally drive the girls to school weekly, dropping them off at 8 a.m., and rarely see more than 1, 2 cars also dropping off at the same time. I have never seen evidence of excessive traffic entering or exiting the school. Furthermore, the school's administration actively and frequently engages us (the parents) to ensure we're following specific traffic arrival/departure routes and rules. Having seen the rigor by which the school is approaching the traffic issue, I'm convinced that they will enact a traffic plan that is appropriate for the student body size they propose, and that they will also take into account the potential impact on nearby residents. Lastly, it would be such a shame if the school needs to relocate entirely because they are unable to expand as planned. Robbing the greater community of an educational gem, especially in today's scholastic environment, would be shameful to say the least, and would be difficult to explain to my 4 and 5 year olds. Please move favorably on their request to expand the school. Thank you.</p> <p>Sincerely, Dustin Nason</p>
171.	04 10 11	Cristina & Ignacio Olachea <a href="mailto:Cristim914@bellsouth.net">Cristim914@bellsouth.net</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location!
172.	04 10 11	Eva Maria Reyes Cisnero 770 S.W. 9 <sup>th</sup> Street, #7 Miami, FL 33130 <a href="mailto:Evaluna93@yahoo.es">Evaluna93@yahoo.es</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
173.	0 410 11	Neglady Aguilar 3232 Coral Way Apt. 1810 Coral Gables, FL 33145 <a href="mailto:negladya@hotmail.com">negladya@hotmail.com</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>We really appreciate your help in this matter.</p>
174.	04 10 11	Joe & Blanca Cespedes <a href="mailto:Bccespedes98Yahoo.com">Bccespedes98Yahoo.com</a>		X		<p>We support the expansion of Somerset @UBC.</p> <p>Joe &amp; Blanca Cespedes</p>
175.	04 10 11	Nabi Ferra 1818 Granada Blvd. Coral Gables, FL 33134		X		<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I support Coral Gables Somerset at UBC. Expanding the school for this area would be a great advantage for the surrounding residents to have an institution of this caliber. Somerset schools have proven to be a wonderful resource for many other communities in our county and this would hold true for Coral Gables as well.</p> <p>Thank You, Nabi Ferrra 1818 Granada Blvd Coral Gables , FL 33134</p>
176.	04 10 11	Michael Gualandi <a href="mailto:Gualandi99@aol.com">Gualandi99@aol.com</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Academy Coral Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>Thanks, Michael Gualandi</p>

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178.	04 10 11	Karen Myers-Schwartz 2800 Kirk Street Miami, FL 33133 <a href="mailto:kmyersschwartz@gmail.com">kmyersschwartz@gmail.com</a>		X		<p>To whom it may concern;</p> <p>I am writing this email to show my full support for Somerset Academy Coral Gables. This school adds another great choice for parents in Coral Gables. There is an obvious need for the school as demonstrated by the over 1300 applicants to date.</p> <p>Please help us get to some kind of compromise in a timely manner so that parents and children can plan for the new school year.</p> <p>Somerset Coral Gables is a great neighbor and will continue to be in the future. Let's think about the children, they are our future!!</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>Karen Myers-Schwartz Kmyersschwartz@gmail.com 2800 Kirk Street Miami, FL 33133</p>
179.	04 10 11	Patty Zapater 1545 Trillo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146 pattyeim@aol.com		X		<p>Hello:</p> <p>My name is Patty Zapater</p> <p>My Address is:</p> <p>1545 Trillo Ave Coral Gables FL 33146</p> <p>I Support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location!!! This community needs Somerset Gables and the UBC Location has the capacity for this wonderful school.</p> <p>Thank you! Patty Zapater</p>
180.	04 10 11	Daniel & Kirsten Golan 3922 Segovia Street		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Somerset is a great school and has made such a difference in our lives. We are so pleased with our son's</p>

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		Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:danykirsey@mac.com">danykirsey@mac.com</a>				educational experience there this year. We are looking forward to many more years of schooling there for him and hope the school continues to grow.  Sincerely with all our support, Daniel & Kirsten Golan
181.	04 10 11	Joseph Zapater 1545 Trillo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146 <a href="mailto:jzquirch@aol.com">jzquirch@aol.com</a>		X		Hi:  My name is Joseph Zapater  My Address is: 1545 Trillo Ave Coral Gables FI 33146  I SUPPORT the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location!!!  The UBC location has the space for this very needed community school.  Thank you! Joseph Zapater
182.	04 10 11	Plaza Family 400 Valencia Avenue #5 Coral Gables, FL 33134		X		Dear All  We have been Cora Gables residents for over 4 years on several locations, last year we finally bought our first home making Coral Gables our city of choice to call Home at our 400 Valencia avenue #5 Town house. Our family includes a 5 year old little girl called Fabiana for whom we are looking for the best education available, we feel we can achieve that at Somerset Charter School, therefore we support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location, at the same time we respectfully urge to approve the same soonest possible.  Best regards,  Plaza Family 400 Valencia Ave #5 Coral Gables, FL 33134
183.	04 10 11	Carmen Gonzalez-Esfefani <a href="mailto:Cge427@hotmail.com">Cge427@hotmail.com</a>		X		Its important to have great public education in all areas!!
184.	04 10 11	Layne Huskins <a href="mailto:Layne011@aol.com">Layne011@aol.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Sommerset Gables at the UBC location. Sincerely, Layne Huskins
185.	04 10 11	Danae Barrios 4370 S.W. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Coral Gables, FL 33134		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Danae Barrios 4370 sw 3rd Street Coral Gables, FI 33134

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187.	04 10 11	Ali & Umehani Hassan <a href="mailto:umehani@hotmail.com">umehani@hotmail.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Ali & Umehani Hassan
188.	04 10 11	Melinda Reina 1329 S.W. 72 <a href="mailto:Avenuemgillmiami@aol.com">Avenuemgillmiami@aol.com</a>		X		To Whom It May Concern:  I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Thank you, Melinda Reina
189.	04 10 11	Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Gross 436 Alminar Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146 <a href="mailto:gtglow@aol.com">gtglow@aol.com</a>		X		Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Gross 436 Alminar Avenue Coral Gables, Florida 33146  Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Gross support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
190.	04 10 11	Felix Brambilla 911 Malaga Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:overseasflorida@aol.com">overseasflorida@aol.com</a>		X		Dear Coral Gables Planning and Zoning department heads,  My name is Felix BRAMBILLA, I live at 911 Malaga Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33134. I am the parent of Ms Charli BRAMBILLA, 4 years old, in PK4 at Somerset Academy.  My wife Tricia MENENDEZ is a native of Miami, while I have moved from France 11 years ago. Both us had our lives changed, as well as our children's future, by the opening of Somerset Academy. Allow us to explain why we feel this way and why we support the extension of the school, hoping to see our son Fernando, 3, follow the foot steps of his sister.  I was privileged to raise an older daughter in France, which ranks in the top 2 schooling systems in the world. Access to education is free and provides such a level of knowledge that American Universities give French F1 students half a year of credits towards their bachelor.  When I moved to the United States, I was concerned that good education came at a very high price, as early as kinder garden. The public system, as emphasized by both our current and previous administrations, lacks the environment to follow each student and guide them to success. We consequently have fallen far down on the international ranking....  Somerset Academy has been able to provide its students with the same quality of learning that I witnessed in Europe, funded by public money. To benefit from this in Coral Gables has convinced us to stay here while we had previously contemplated moving. Coral Gables is now one of very few cities in South Florida which sets an example by providing its inhabitants with affordable quality education, allowing our youth to aim at the top of the

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						<p>competitive ladder. It has made our city more attractive to young households, preventing the erosion of our local families who too often see their younger generation decide to raise their children in a more modern, yet less attractive neighborhood.</p> <p>I have witnessed many debates, involving supporters and opponents of the existence or expansion of Somerset Academy. Force is to notice that many of those against it are not directly concerned with the bringing up of youngsters within a society which has lost many of its fundamental values. Getting all that Coral Gables has offered for near to a century, and adding progress through learning, can only provide a perfect mix for any individual who is proud of living in our beautiful community.</p> <p>I trust your professionalism to judge how efficiently the flow of vehicles can be managed. And if my children's future, or the future of my neighbors' children, is not worth spending a few instants in mild traffic, one should move to a regressing city, overwhelmed by the ways of new generations, where life itself is in danger of extinction.</p> <p>Best regards,</p> <p>Felix BRAMBILLA</p>
191.	04 10 11	Stephen J. Walker <a href="mailto:sjwplaya@aol.com">sjwplaya@aol.com</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>Stephen J. Walker Managing Director Latin America &amp; The Caribbean IFPC International Group, Inc. 3181 McDonald Street Miami, FL, 33133 USA</p>
192.	04 10 11	Ainadi Tirado <a href="mailto:bibibelleza@yahoo.com">bibibelleza@yahoo.com</a>		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."
193.	04 10 11	Liliana Marquez 1650 Galiano St Th5 Coral Gables 33134 <a href="mailto:liliana@dgmexicano.com">liliana@dgmexicano.com</a>		X		<p>For SURE I support The Expansion of Somerset Gables At the UBC location</p> <p>Liliana Marquez 1650 Galiano St Th5 Coral Gables 33134</p>
194.	04 10 11	Adriana Cassinera 5779 SW 53 Terrace Miami, FL 33155 <a href="mailto:acassinera@bellsouth.net">acassinera@bellsouth.net</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."</p> <p>Adriana Cassinera 5779 SW 53 Terrace Miami, FL 33155</p>
195.	04 10 11	Allison Manas <a href="mailto:allisonmanas@bellsouth.net">allisonmanas@bellsouth.net</a>		X		<p>I want to extend my support for the expansion of Somerset Gables.</p> <p>I feel Coral Gables is such a wonderful city to live in and adding another quality school can only improve our city, as well as alleviate some over crowding in our other spectacular</p>

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						<p>schools.</p> <p>As a parent of a Somerset Gables student, I have seen how well our school is being run and how conscientious we will be as neighbors as we expand.</p> <p>Thank you, Allison Mañas</p>
196.	04 10 11	Melodiee Rodriguez 3078 Bird Avenue Coconut Grove		X		<p>I SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF SOMERSET CORAL GABLES AT UBC MELODEE RODRIGUEZ 3078 BIRD AVENUE COCONUT GROVE</p>
197.	04 10 11	Yamile Rives-Gonzalez yamilerives@yahoo.com		X		<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC. Where else can our kids go to school in this area? All public schools are over crowded and have long waiting lists. Please don't shatter the happiness and excitement for learning my kids are presently experiencing through the education they are receiving at the school. I feel that my kids are not only learning but are safe at this facility.</p> <p>As a working parent I find comfort in knowing my kids are enriched through learning throughout the day and are well taken care of in the after school care program.</p> <p>Please support my childrens education at this facility!</p> <p>Thank you, Yamile Rives-Gonzalez parent of 2 Somerset Gables students</p>
198.	04 10 11	Albert Gonzalez 3411 S.W. 21 Street Miami, FL 33145		X		<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC. Where else can our kids go to school in this area? All public schools are over crowded and have long waiting lists. Please don't shatter the happiness and excitement for learning my kids are presently experiencing through the education they are receiving at the school. I feel that my kids are not only learning but are safe at this facility.</p> <p>As a working parent I find comfort in knowing my kids are enriched through learning throughout the day and are well taken care of in the after school care program.</p> <p>Please support my childrens education at this facility!</p> <p>Thank you, Albert Gonzalez 3411 SW 21 Street Miami, Florida 33145</p>

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						parent of 2 Somerset Gables students
199.	04 10 11	Betty Pino 1409 Granada Boulevard Coral Gables, FL 33134 bettypino@comcast.net		X		<p>"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." (Great school. Will be good, if more students that lives in Coral Gables can assist.)</p> <p>My name: Betty Pino 1409 Granada Boulevard Coral Gables, Fla 33134</p>
200.	04 10 11	Raquel Catalano 3669 Loquat Avenue Miami, FL 33133 <a href="mailto:Raquel.catalano@gmail.com">Raquel.catalano@gmail.com</a>		X		<p>I Raquel Catalano support the expansion of Somerset charter in coral gables.</p> <p>Thank you 3669 loquat ave Miami FI 33133</p>
201.	04 10 11	Sincerely, Orly Pascual President ezlaunder.com 832 Madrid St Coral Gables, FL 33134		X		<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Being a long time resident of Coral Gables (going on 17 yrs) I have had the opportunity to see both the "good" and the "not so good" this city has had to offer. This city has grown and seemingly continues to grow-- a perpetual transition. And we, the residents and visitors are all the better for it. For with all of it's growing pains, this city offers a wonderful world class experience. I would not choose to live or raise my daughter anywhere else in the world.</p> <p>Somerset Gables is an absolute asset to the city of Coral Gables. This academic "power house" is not only good for the children that walk the school's hallways but to the Coral Gables community outside its walls. Somerset not only teaches the importance of reading and writing but of ones civic duty as a member of the human race. They bring to the table a "culture of community/family/involvement- a truly well rounded education. Is this not what the city needs more of? These children are our city's future residents.</p> <p>Growth in our community is necessary and inevitable. Responsible growth is key! The Coral Gables landscape has changed-- from the construction growth downtown bringing populations of new residents to business development growth attracting more residents and visitors, as well. Education too must be at the forefront of any urban planning. It must grow proportionately in order to meet the needs of the community. Coral Gables has just three public elementary schools servicing this vast growing city and as a resident of the north west quadrant of Coral Gables I can assert to the fact that this is not enough.</p> <p>"I don't think anybody anywhere can talk about the future of their people or of an organization without talking about education. Whoever controls the education of our children controls our future." Wilma Mankiller, first female Chief of the Cherokee Nation and Dartmouth College faculty member.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>

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						Orly Pascual President ezlaunder.com 832 Madrid St Coral Gables, FL 33134
202.	04 10 11	Emily and Travis Curtin 540 Alcazar Avenue Coral Gables, FL <a href="mailto:emilyandtravis@me.com">emilyandtravis@me.com</a>		X		Good afternoon, My husband and I want to voice our support for Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you Emily and Travis Curtin 540 alcazar ave
203.	04 10 11	Joseph Zaydon 408 Amalfi Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146 <a href="mailto:expressflowers@comcast.net">expressflowers@comcast.net</a>		X		Hello,  I STRONGLY SUPPORT the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location!!  My daughter Sophia attends Somerset and we love every aspect of the school!!  Respectfully, Joseph Zaydon Coral Gables Homeowner and resident 408 Amalfi Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146  Father to Sophia Anne Zaydon (Kindergartener at Somerset Gables) Father to Sienna Marie Zaydon (Future Somerset Gables student)
204.	04 10 11	Dr. Hayes Chamoun 1228 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, FL 33134		X		Please ensure that somerset coral gables can stay and enlarge at the ubc! It is very expensive to pay for private school and the gables public schools are crowded. Please please please listen to this request. I am a full supporter of somerset coral gables staying and thriving at ubc. Dr. Hayes chamoun 1228 Alhambra circle Coral gables, fl 33134
205.	04 10 11	Nicole Gualandi 1245 Algeria Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:Gualandi1030@aol.com">Gualandi1030@aol.com</a>		X		I am a supporter of the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC. I have one child in the second grade and one who will be in Kindergarten in the fall.  Our family moved to Coral Gables about a year and a half ago. One of the things that drew us to the Gables is the wonderful community atmosphere and great schools. I was shocked when we went to register our son for school at Coral Gables Elementary school we were shut down at the front door. We couldn't even get a tour because there was no room in the school. The same at Sunset. We ended up at Carver Elementary. We had a good experience there ...but is good enough when you are educating your children? There is not enough space in the all of the current schools in Coral Gables to accommodate the growing community.  Somerset has been an amazing experience. My son has been to 3 schools in 2 years so I

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						<p>was concerned he would have a difficult adjustment. I had nothing to fear! My son uses both before and after care at the school and he is sad when I come to get him at the end of the day. The excellent teachers have helped him to gain confidence in himself and excel in all of his classes.</p> <p>I think it is very important that the neighbors and school work together to find a compromise. I understand the neighbor's concerns and I believe the school can work with the neighbors to address their issues. One of the best lessons we can teach our children is to listen to everyone's side in a disagreement and find a compromise that everyone can live with, this is all that I am asking.</p> <p>Thank you Nicole Gualandi 1245 Algeria Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134</p>
206.	04 10 11	Betty Medrano 3590 Coral Way Apt. 509 Coral Gables, FL		X		<p>Att: Planning &amp; Zoning: My name is Betty Medrano, I leave at 3590 Coral Way Apt. 509, and I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location</p> <p>Thank you for your time and help.</p>
207.	04 10 11	Heather Harary 2301 Swanson Ave Miami, FI 33133 <a href="mailto:heather@whereised.com">heather@whereised.com</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. It is a wonderful school and a great asset to Coral Gables.</p> <p>Thank you, Heather Harary 2301 Swanson Ave Miami, FI 33133</p>
208.	04 10 11	Maria del Carmen (Carmencita Lopez) carmencita723@aol.com		X		<p>I support the expansion of SomersetGables at the UBC location</p> <p>Maria del Carmen (Carmencita) Lopez Email carmencita723@aol.com</p>
209.	04 10 11	Beatriz Kaminsky 10 Aragon Ave 1603 Coral gables, FI 33134		X		<p>Hello I was born and raised in Coral Gables. I absolutely love our city and a firm believer of keeping our City exclusive and family friendly.</p> <p>I am also very for the idea of having more exclusive and higher academic schools in Coral Gables. I do hope you consider expanding Somerset Gables a couple of grades. I don't know if all the way to 8th grade is necessary but K3 - 5 th.</p> <p>Sincerely Beatriz Kaminsky 10 Aragon Ave 1603 Coral gables, fl 33134</p>

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210.	04 10 11	Catalina Jaillier catalina@citrica.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Catalina jaillier
211.	04 10 11	Nathalie D' alincourt 821 Ferdinand street CoraL gables, FI 33134 wcdisport@bellsouth		X		Dear Sirs,  I just wanted to confirm that my family and I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Nathalie D' alincourt 821 Ferdinand street CoraL gables, FI 33134 Tel 305 338-0640
212.	04 10 11	Dymphna Zaydon 408 Amalfi Avenue Coral Gables< FL 33146 dzaydon@yahoo.com		X		Hello,  I STRONGLY SUPPORT the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location!!!!  My daughter Sophia Anne Zaydon, age 6, currently attends Kindergarten at Somerset Gables and she absolutely loves it there! She is so excited to go to school everyday because everyone at Somerset Gables is so friendly, loving, caring, nurturing and passionate about teaching. Her teachers are all phenomenal and teach with such passion and enthusiasm that the children are engaged all day long. Sophia has learned so much this year because her teachers care so much about the children. In addition to her Kindergarten home room, Sophia takes an hour of Spanish every day and Art and Music once a week. She LOVES every class and every teacher! They make learning so much FUN!! As expected, the children are at different reading levels and Sophia's homeroom teacher, Mrs. Castillo, is able to provide differentiated instruction for 23 children - UNBELIEVABLE! Sophia's reading level has skyrocketed to that of a fifth grader because the Somerset teachers are able and willing to adjust to the children's needs and skills. The teachers go beyond the call of duty!!  Somerset Gables has an AMAZING staff/team!! Somerset Gables is being lead by an EXCELLENT principal, Ms. Ruiz, who was able to build an AWESOME school in record time. Ms. Ruiz addresses concerns or questions as soon as she possibly can. She has an open door policy and she is also so involved and engaged with the students. She has been so supportive and helpful to me and my daughter throughout the school year. She has built a really TERRIFIC team at Somerset Gables that are so happy to help each other and help the children in every way possible. They engage everyone with a smile and a friendly greeting.  This school has attracted so many wonderful families that really care about their children's education. The parent involvement is inspiring and energizing! The children and parents at Somerset Gables are so LUCKY and fortunate to have such an AWESOME school with loving, giving and enthusiastic parents, teachers and school staff.  PLEASE PLEASE expand our school!!!! Our "city beautiful" needs a school like Somerset

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						<p>Gables and we are committed to being a great neighbor and partner.</p> <p>Respectfully,  Dymphna Zaydon  Mother to Sophia Anne Zaydon (age 6, Kindergartener at Somerset)  Mother to Sienna Marie Zaydon (age 4, future Somerset student)  Address: 408 Amalfi Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33146</p>
213.	04 10 11	Manuel Gonzalez 527 Valencia Avenue Apt. 6 Coral Gables, FL Man_gonz@yahoo.com		X		My name is Manuel Gonzalez and I am living at 527 Valencia Avenue Apt 6. I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
214.	04 10 11	Maria C. Ramirez 3000 SW 3rd Ave Apt.502 Miami, FL 33129 Nani9plus@aol.com		X		<p>This is an email regarding the extension of Somerset Academy Coral Gables. My two grandsons's were privileged to be accepted there this year for their opening.....their parents of course are pleased and very happy with the school.....and I am also.....my grand children are my life, and those two boys are so happy.....they love their teachers, they get excited about homework, the activities, etc.....is almost as if they were older and had been there many years.....I would love nothing better then to see them continue their education there, I have met and interacted with their teachers and am totally amazed as to their dedication and love for the children.....So I am asking you please to consider the extension and do whatever possible to convince others to approve it as well.....May God guide you in your decision.....Sincerely,</p> <p>Maria C. Ramirez  3000 SW 3rd Ave  Apt.502  Miami, FL 33129</p>
215.	04 10 11	Vivian Contreras vmc1186@hotmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
216.	04 10 11	Gillian Smith 1216 Algeria Avenue Coral Gables, FL Gillian.smith@teachforamerica.org		X		<p>Hello –</p> <p>I believe that every single child in our area deserves to have access to an excellent education. While I do not have children that attend or would attend Somerset, I believe that the city should really encourage the expansion of the school to allow for more high-quality schools in the Coral Gables area. Only Sunset and Coral Gables elementary are “A” schools (note that Carver elementary, the 3rd school in our lottery zoned district, was NOT an “A” school last year). Unfortunately, with the lottery system for public schools in Coral Gables, there are long waiting lists for students at Sunset and Coral Gables. With the expansion of Somerset, you can help ensure that every child can attend an excellent public school.</p> <p>I currently live at 1216 Algeria Ave in Coral Gables and I am a registered voter.</p> <p>Thank you in advance.</p>

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						Best regards, Gillian Smith
217.	04 10 11	Michelle Vires 240 Sarto Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:Viresm24@hotmail.com">Viresm24@hotmail.com</a>		X		I am a resident of Coral Gables and support the expansion of Somerset Gables!  Sincerely, Michelle Vires 240 Sarto Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134
218.	04 10 11	Thomas Trebotich 231 SW 29th Road Miami FL 33129		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."  Thomas Trebotich 231 SW 29th Road Miami FL 33129
219.	04 10 11	Lisette Del Rio 166 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables 33134 <a href="mailto:Momsbeautybiz@yahoo.com">Momsbeautybiz@yahoo.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Lisette Del Rio 166 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables 33134
220.	04 10 11	Migdalia Martin 5321 SW 5 Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 maggster05@gmail.com		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." I am a parent of a future Somerset Gables student.  Thank you for all your efforts in speeding up the process to approve the expansion of Somerset Gables.  Migdalia Martin 5321 SW 5 Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 Cell: 786-378-0135 Email: maggster05@gmail.com
221.	04 10 11	Juliana Maggio and Juan Meza 4640 SW 14th St Miami, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:Juliana.maggio@juliananurition.com">Juliana.maggio@juliananurition.com</a>		X		I support Somerset Gables expansion a current UBC location.  Last year our oldest son, Mateo, was in PK 2 at the "Child Development Center", UBC's old pre-school and we were very sad when it closed. At that time we were not familiar with Academica's schools, and more so we did not know if it would ever open at UBC. More so, we worried about the possibility of not finding a space for him in a good pre-school in the Gables if Somerset did not open.  Just a few days prior to the start of the 2010 school year, Somerset Gables was cleared to open with 110 students, and we were able to enroll our son. Mateo, is currently in PK 3 at Somerset Gables and we are extremely happy with the level of education he is getting. Staff is very friendly and caring. Mateo always goes to and comes from school very happy and he is talking about the new things he is learning, singing new songs every day both in English and Spanish. My husband and I look forward to many years of education at Somerset Gables.

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						<p>We truly hope that you allow our school to grow, and that many more kids can receive the same quality education that just 110 students are receiving today at Somerset Gables. We hope and ask that the City of Coral Gables' decision regarding school expansion is considered in a timely and respectful manner to grant interested parents adequate time to either get prepared to begin a new school year at Somerset Gables or to register their kids at a different school.</p> <p>In closing, there is just one more comment that we have not heard many people commenting about that is worth mentioning. A bigger school will bring more jobs to our community. At a time when jobs are lacking and residents are being forced to leave our city and county, Somerset Gables would bring more jobs, and more taxes paid and money to our city beautiful.</p> <p>We support growth in our community and we support the expansion of Somerset Gables at current UBC location.</p> <p>Sincerely,            Juliana Maggio and Juan Meza            4640 SW 14th St            Miami, FL 33134</p>
222.	04 10 11	Virginia Infante 6287 SW 88 Court Miami, FL 33173 <a href="mailto:Turtle728@gmail.com">Turtle728@gmail.com</a>		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Virginia Infante 6287 SW 88 Court Miami, FL 33173
223.	04 10 11	Jennifer Johnson 622 Velarde Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:Jennifer.schull@gmail.com">Jennifer.schull@gmail.com</a>		X		<p>I am writing to express my support for the expansion of Somerset Academy Gables at the University Baptist Church property.</p> <p>My daughter is currently in the Preschool program at Somerset Academy Gables and we couldn't be happier with the quality of the well-rounded education she is receiving. While Coral Gables has other excellent elementary school options, most are over capacity and the City should encourage and welcome another high-caliber learning environment to the mix of public education options. It is a primary reason families move to Coral Gables and remain, and imparts a sense of community for our families. The school facilities are more than ample to accommodate a thriving Preschool through 8th grade and we hope the City of Coral Gables will review the facts and work with the school to create a viable, thriving academic community for our neighborhood children. As a neighbor myself (6 blocks away), I can assure you that the parents, students and faculty/staff are committed to being good neighbors. The school requires families to sign a contract which spells out how we must conduct ourselves at the school and in the community or risk expulsion. I strongly urge the City of Coral Gables to reach a compromise that will preserve the quality of life for the nearby residents while meeting the greater need of quality education for the City's children.</p>

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						Thank you, Jennifer Johnson 622 Velarde Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
224.	04 10 11	Nicole Kaler <a href="mailto:nkaler@tpna.com">nkaler@tpna.com</a>		X		To Whom it May Concern,  I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Nicole Kaler Coral Gables resident
225.	04 10 11	N. Maule 8400 SW 28 Street Miami FL 33155 <a href="mailto:Mn81023@aol.com">Mn81023@aol.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of UBC for Somerset students.  I am not a resident of Coral Gables but my child has been chosen to attend this school. I am very fortunate to have this opportunity to have my daughter educated in one of the top schools in the county.  My daughter currently attends a very good public school (Title I); however, like all public schools, they are faced with budget cuts. My daughter is very intelligent and often comes home and tells me that she is learning material that she already knows. She is the top student in her Gifted Class and in the Second grade. Sadly, teachers have to cater to the lower 25% in the classroom thus stifling her learning opportunities. My daughter is left to her own accord. She is put on the computer which often doesn't work. There aren't resources for enrichment due to funding and the threat of programs (such as languages) being cut always lingers in a parent's mind. Arne Duncan was the superintendent of Chicago Public Schools when I was a teacher there. When public schools were failing to "meet the grade", he supported the opening of charter schools. When he saw the success of various charter schools, he mentioned that kids didn't become smarter but that the standard of education was raised. This is exactly what charter schools have the flexibility of doing with innovative approaches rather than being trapped by bureaucratic red tape in the old fashioned public school system.  Back to my daughter:  What do I do? I look for other options where my daughter will have the opportunity to grow. Malcom Gladwell mentioned in his book Outliers, that gifted children don't necessarily have a successful life. It is based on a balance between the intelligence and the opportunity the person is given. If I continue the present route in the public school system and the downward spiral it is taking, I feel that my daughter will lack the experiences to make her successful. Finally, I have this opportunity to have her educated among the best.  Schools like Somerset will make its students successful; thus, making them responsible citizens that will in turn make decisions for us. I understand the neighbors not wanting traffic; however, for the benefit of having educated students ...becoming educated adults,

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						making educated decisions ... it is worth the sacrifice as long as planning and zoning rules are adhered to.  N. Maule 8400 SW 28 ST Miami, FL. 33155
226.	04 10 11	Ivonne Valiente 525 Hampton Lane Key Biscayne, FL 33149 icvaliente@bellsouth.net		X		To whom it may concern:  I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Ivonne Valiente 525 Hampton Lane Key Biscayne, FL 33149
227.	04 11 11	Andrew Frey 11 Island Avenue Miami Beach, FL 33139 freyaa@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. -- andrew frey, 11 island ave, miami beach, fl 33139
228.	04 11 11	Norma Varas 4815 San Amaro Drive Coral Gables, FL. 33146 <a href="mailto:varasnorma@gmail.com">varasnorma@gmail.com</a>		X		To whom it may concern,  As a resident of Coral Gables I would give my support to the expansion of Somerset Academy UBC in Coral Gables. Our city is in need of additional space to provide quality public education for our children. Somerset Gables has the space and an excellent location to provide the quality education our children need. The school has been a model citizen and has not inconvenienced any of the surrounding neighbors. Please allow them the opportunity to further assist our city by supporting the expansion of this School.  Please feel free to contact me via email should you have any questions.  Sincerely, Norma Varas 4815 San Amaro Drive Coral Gables, FL. 33146
229.	04 11 11	Isabel Hernandez 5763 SW 53 Terrace Miami, FL 33155 inhernandez@aol.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location!  Sincerely, Isabel Hernandez 5763 SW 53 Terrace Miami, FL 33155
230.	04 11 11	Luisa Arenas 527 Valencia Avenue Apt. 6 Coral Gables, FL <a href="mailto:luisaarenas@yahoo.com">luisaarenas@yahoo.com</a>		X		My name is Luisa Arenas and I am living at 527 Valencia Avenue Apt 6. I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
231.	04 11 11	Michelle Goni		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.

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		5812 SW 34th Street Miami, FL 33155 <a href="mailto:Michelle_goni@yahoo.com">Michelle_goni@yahoo.com</a>				Michelle Goni 5812 SW 34th Street Miami, FL 33155
232.	04 11 11	Sebastian P. Almazan 1512 Dorado Ave. Coral Gables, Fl. 33146 <a href="mailto:calmaz@aol.com">calmaz@aol.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of the Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Sebastian P. Almazan 1512 Dorado Ave. Coral Gables, Fl. 33146
233.	04 11 11	Paola Burgos 1120 Wallace St Coral Gables Fl 33134 <a href="mailto:paoladelvallep@yahoo.com">paoladelvallep@yahoo.com</a>		X		Good morning this is Paola Burgos and I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Paola Burgos 1120 Wallace St Coral Gables Fl 33134
234.	04 11 11	Alberto Burgos-Tiburcio MD 1120 Wallace St Coral Gables Fl 33134 <a href="mailto:albertofellow@yahoo.com">albertofellow@yahoo.com</a>		X		Good Morning this is Alberto Burgos-Tiburcio and I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Alberto Burgos-Tiburcio MD 1120 Wallace st Coral Gables Fl 33134
235.	04 11 11	Boo Zamek <a href="mailto:boo@justaskboo.com">boo@justaskboo.com</a>		X		The reason I support the expansion is because like the neighbors, we (the parents and potential parents) would like to preserve the neighborhood while also enjoying the opportunity to educate our children in this wonderful community school. This kind of school is what living in a community like Coral Gables is all about!  Thank you, Boo Zamek
236.	04 11 11	Carolina Menendez <a href="mailto:Cbm5@ntrs.com">Cbm5@ntrs.com</a>		X		To Whom it May Concern: Having lived in Coral Gables for 32 years and as an employee of a bank with a local presence, I am aware of the need for a charter school such as Somerset in our neighborhood. With public schools overcrowded and the cost of private school at all time highs, the residents of Coral Gables and its periphery should have more options. I grew up on Cadagua Avenue, just a couple of blocks from Coral Gables Senior High, and my husband grew up on Alhambra Circle, just blocks from St. Theresa. Although there was a bit more traffic in the morning, it was something the residents were used to and learned to live with. The same can be said for the neighborhood surrounding UBC. It is something that the residents can learn to live with, and the benefits will far outweigh the inconveniences. I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location and hope the City of Coral Gables will consider the importance of affordable, quality education in our community.  Sincerely,

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						Carolina Menendez mother of 2 boys, ages 2 and 3
237.	04 11 11	Aymara Golan aegolan@bellsouth.net		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Aymara Golan aegolan@bellsouth.net
238.	04 11 11	Pablo Ferrer <a href="mailto:pabloferlu@gmail.com">pabloferlu@gmail.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location
239.	04 11 11	Carolina Moreno <a href="mailto:carolferrer@gmail.com">carolferrer@gmail.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location
240.	04 11 11	Adriana B Medina 338 Majorca Ave#10 Coral Gables, FL 33134 medinaab@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location  Adriana B Medina 338 Majorca Ave#10 33134-Coral Gables-FL
241.	04 11 11	Rich Simpson <a href="mailto:Simpson-rich@aramark.com">Simpson-rich@aramark.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Academy. I am a Coral Gables resident and I have a child that would love to have the opportunity to attend the School  Thank you Rich Simpson ARAMARK Business Services Royal Caribbean Cruises
242.	04 11 11	Jessica Acosta 815 SW Red Road Coral Gables, FL 33144 <a href="mailto:Jramos02@bellsouth.net">Jramos02@bellsouth.net</a>		X		To whom it may concern:  I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. My daughter is almost 3 years old, and she is on the waiting list to get accepted for the 2011-2012 school year. We also have a 10 month-old daughter, whom we also hope to enroll in a couple years.  My name and address: Jessica Acosta 815 SW Red Road Coral Gables, FL 33144 305-323-0588  Please help them expand so that we can have a better chance of enrolling our daughters in their school.  Thank you, Jessica Acosta
243.	04 11 11	Mary Hepworth 4411 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, FL 33146 <a href="mailto:maryhepworth@hotmail.com">maryhepworth@hotmail.com</a>		X		Dear Coral Gables Planning & Zoning, City Clerk & Planning Department,  My name is Mary Hepworth, I live at 4411 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, FL 33146. Please add my information to the public record in SUPPORT of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location!!

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						<p>This is an amazing school full of wonderful teachers, parents and students! I have 4 children, and one more on the way. 2 of my children currently go to Somerset Academy Gables and we are looking forward to the expansion!!!</p> <p>Thank you, Mary Hepworth 4411 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, FL 33146</p>
244.	04 11 11	Cindy Delgado <a href="mailto:cdelgado@barcardi.com">cdelgado@barcardi.com</a>		X		<p>Please help us bring good schools to the city in order to keep our good reputation by not having overcrowded schools.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Regards, Cindy Delgado</p>
245.	04 11 11	Martha & Randy McKey <a href="mailto:Martha@mckeyassociates.com">Martha@mckeyassociates.com</a>		X		<p>We just wanted to reiterate our support for this wonderful educational opportunity.</p> <p>Sincerely, Martha &amp; Randy McKey</p>
246.	04 11 11	Luisa Villegas 6612 Mimosa Court Miami, FL 33143 <a href="mailto:luisavillegas@bellsouth.net">luisavillegas@bellsouth.net</a>		X		<p>My name is Luisa Villegas and my address is 6612 mimosa Ct. Miami, Fl. 33143</p> <p>"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."</p>
247.	04 11 11	Vikki Ventura 4161 Ventura Avenue Coconut Grove, FL 33133 <a href="mailto:vventura@bilzin.com">vventura@bilzin.com</a>		X		<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I want to be put on record that I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>Regards, Vikki Ventura 4161 Ventura Avenue Coconut Grove, FL 33133</p>
248.	04 11 11	Hagen Ruff 4411 Alhambra Cir Coral Gables, FL <a href="mailto:hruff@chavaenergy.com">hruff@chavaenergy.com</a>		X		<p>Dear City of Coral Gables representatives,</p> <p>I am writing this letter to voice my support for the reasonable expansion of Somerset Gables School at the UBC location. We can all understand the concerns of neighbors. But simply forcing our children out of Coral Gables due to the lack of sufficient schooling would be detrimental to the future of our beautiful City. The attractiveness of our City is defined by its demographic diversity and we must maintain our support for families with young children and not let the self-centered protest by a small group of angry neighbors determine our City's future. Somerset is a well managed and responsible school and a reasonable expansion won't affect the quality of life in the neighborhood at all.</p>

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						<p>My address: 4411 Alhambra Cir Coral Gables</p> <p>Best regards, Hagen Ruff</p>
249.	04 11 11	Aymara Lopez <a href="mailto:amylopez@miami.edu">amylopez@miami.edu</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>Aymara Lopez</p>
250.	04 11 11	Gabi Doria-Simpson <a href="mailto:gabi@caribbeanhotelandtourism.com">gabi@caribbeanhotelandtourism.com</a>		X		<p>"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."</p> <p>Regards, Gabi Gabi Doria-Simpson</p>
251.	04 11 11	Shellie Perdigon 3660 Bougainvillea Road Coconut Grove, FL 33133 <a href="mailto:shellieperdigon@gmail.com">shellieperdigon@gmail.com</a>		X		<p>To Whom it May Concer, Attached please find my letter of support for the expansion of Somerset Gables School.</p> <p>Kindest regards, Shellie Perdigon</p> <p>April 11, 2011</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables School. I currently have 2 children at Somerset and we love it. The teachers and staff are wonderful, my children are so happy and learning so much. We feel that it is such a nurturing environment and safe too.</p> <p>If Somerset isn't able to expand our only option for schools would be private, which at this time isn't financially possible. The public school in my area isn't safe and hasn't received high achievement scores.</p> <p>Please allow our school to grow, it's for the future of our children, our community, our world.</p> <p>Kindest regards, Shellie Peridgon 3660 Bougainvillea Road Coconut Grove, FI 33133</p>
252.	04 11 11	Peter Lewis 414 Majorca Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:plewis@mail.as.miami.edu">plewis@mail.as.miami.edu</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>Peter Lewis 414 Majorca Ave</p>

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						Coral Gables, FL 33134
253.	04 11 11	Theresa Santovenia 5449 SW 86th Street Miami, FL 33143 <a href="mailto:santoven@hugheshubbard.com">santoven@hugheshubbard.com</a>		X		<p>Dear Sir or Madame:</p> <p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. It is an excellent school and an asset to the community.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Theresa Santovenia 5449 SW 86th Street Miami, FL 33143</p>
254.	04 11 11	Julio Riquezes 128 Morningside Dr., Coral Gables, FL 33133 <a href="mailto:julioriquezes@hotmail.com">julioriquezes@hotmail.com</a>		X		<p>Dear Madame or Sir.</p> <p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>Thanks, Julio Riquezes 128 Morningside Dr., Coral Gables, FL 33133</p> <p>Julio J. Riquezes De Ratmiroff</p>
255.	04 11 11	ERIC AMSLER 3232 Coral Way #1503 Coral Gables, FL 33145 <a href="mailto:eamsler@heat.com">eamsler@heat.com</a>		X		<p>"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."</p> <p>Name/Address/Father of two daughters (Isabelle, 5; Sofia, 2):</p> <p>ERIC AMSLER 3232 Coral Way #1503 Coral Gables, FL 33145</p> <p>I am writing to express my support for the expansion of student enrollment for SOMI Gables. With my oldest daughter, Isabelle, close to starting her first year of formal schooling, I have to say it has been quite hectic trying to locate the necessary ingredients my wife and I desire for our daughter's school. Level of education, quality of teachers, location, and safety. As many have found out, and see firsthand, the public schools zoned in the Gables area don't live up to the quality that is Coral Gables, and even more importantly don't actually fall in the Gables area. SOMI Gables is in the heart of the Gables – and has all the requirements of a school we as a community and as parents should want for the youth of today: Great location, safety, and quality education/teachers. The space is there to use, which is usually half the battle for city schools, and all the other concerns local residents have I'm sure SOMI Gable parents would be more than happy to compromise with, or do all they can to assure peace, if in turn it means having a better life/education for their young kids as I know I will if given the opportunity.</p> <p>I truly hope the decision is made in the interest of the young children who need a good start, and quickly to assure that all can be worked out in a good manner for the families</p>

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						and the residents that live near the school.  All the best, Eric Amsler
256.	04 11 11	Mariloyd Cou-Martin 16333 SW 45 Terrace Miami, FL 33185 <a href="mailto:Cou1971@hotmail.com">Cou1971@hotmail.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Mariloyd Cou-Martin 16333 SW 45 Terrace Miami, FL 33185
257.	04 11 11	Rodolfo and Jocelyne Sori 4250 Salzedo Street, Ph 9 Coral Gables, FL 33146 <a href="mailto:jsori@gmail.com">jsori@gmail.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Rodolfo and Jocelyne Sori 4250 Salzedo Street, Ph 9 Coral Gables, FL 33146
258.	04 11 11	Alex A. Varas 4815 San Amaro Drive Coral Gables, FI 33146 <a href="mailto:alexv@bvoil.com">alexv@bvoil.com</a>		X		To whom it may concern,  I am a resident of Coral Gables and a strong supporter of the expansion of Somerset Academy in Coral Gables. I grew up and attended public schools in Coral Gables both at Ponce De Leon Junior High and Coral Gables Senior High Schools in the 1960's and 1970's. I have witnessed the extreme crowded conditions in these schools and the exodus of children living in Coral Gables but going to schools outside their boundaries. I believe that the Somerset School has been a great model this past year and has not caused any sort of inconvenience for our citizens but has been a great help for the students that can attend to get a quality education. Please consider and allow for the expansion of the Somerset school to further meet our children's need.  Alex A. Varas 4815 San Amaro Drive Coral Gables, FI 33146
259.	04 11 11	Colby Johnson 622 Velarde Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:colbyjohnson@bellsouth.net">colbyjohnson@bellsouth.net</a>		X		As a neighbor to the school and as the Father of a student in the Pre-K 4 program at Somerset Grace Academy, I am writing this letter to express my support for the school's application to expand their enrollment from the current number of 110 students. The current enrollment figures are not viable for the long term and the need for such a fine charter/public option is immediate in our community. with 1300 applications for 110 spaces- the need is undeniable. While there are a few fine public elementary schools in Coral Gables, they are currently operating at full capacity.  The Somerset Grace Academy has done a spectacular job of educating my daughter over the last school year. A strict code of conduct for students and parents and respect for the community and one another. We have been very pleased with the success of the school to date.  Regards, Colby Johnson

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						622 Velarde Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134
260.	04 11 11	Blaik P. Ross <a href="mailto:brass@beauchampco.com">brass@beauchampco.com</a>		X		To Whom it May Concern,  My name is Blaik Ross. I am a parent and interested homebuyer in Coral Gables. I am also a proud member of the community through my company, Beauchamp Construction Co., Inc., which has been located and doing business in Coral Gables for the past 30 years. I feel strongly that Somerset Gables has a positive impact on the City and its existence is a significant factor in my family's consideration of purchasing a home in Coral Gables. In addition, I feel that the school helps the local economy through both job creation and stimulating surrounding businesses. Therefore, I respectfully request your support of the expansion of the Somerset Gables charter school at the UBC site.  Respectfully Yours, Blaik P. Ross, Esquire
261.	04 11 11	Vanessa Travieso <a href="mailto:vtravieso@pb-santander.com">vtravieso@pb-santander.com</a>		X		Dear Sir or Madam,  The purpose of this email is to express my family's support for the expansion of Somerset Gables that the University Baptist Church location. We have applied to have our daughter considered for the Pre-K3 class and are hopeful that the City of Coral Gables would allow Somerset Gables to offer such a class by increasing the number fo students. The location of the school is very convenient for us but aside from that, the school's reputation and quality of education is the driving force to our continuing to hope and desire that our daughter is given the opportunity to attend Somerset Gables. We plead to the City of Coral Gables that you kindly approve the expansion of Somerset Gables to allow the families in Coral Gables and the nearby communities the opportunity of good quality education. I know that Somerset Gables, its staff, parents and students will abide with the conditions set forth to ensure the happiness of the nearby residents. Should you need to contact me, you may do so at the phone number listed below.  Best regards, Vanessa Travieso
262.	04 11 11	Rodolfo Lopez Stanic + Adriana Medina 338 Majorca Ave., Apt 10 Coral Gables, FL, 33134 <a href="mailto:Rodolfo.lopez@lanautilus.com">Rodolfo.lopez@lanautilus.com</a>		X		Coral Gables, April, 11, 2011
						Dear Madam/Sir,  Having chosen Coral Gables as our resident place because of the schools and being a resident for more than 8 years in the area, I see how other places of the Miami Dade county have continue improving its schools offer tru the development of Charter Schools. We feel annoyed that the City of Coral Gables is moving very slowly in that way, and we will reflect our disconformity with our next vote in the next election, unless we see a clear support for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Sincerely,

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						Rodolfo Lopez Stanic + Adriana Medina 338 Majorca Ave., Apt 10 Coral Gables, FL, 33134
263.	04 11 11	Alessia Zager 3721 Hibiscus Street Miami, FL 33133 <a href="mailto:Maucaramella70@yahoo.com">Maucaramella70@yahoo.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location  Alessia Zager 3721 hibiscus street Miami, FL 33133
264.	04 11 11	Rafael A. Torrens <a href="mailto:oficina@msn.com">oficina@msn.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
265.	04 11 11	Jorey S. Friedman 1019 Lisbon Street Coral Gables <a href="mailto:jfriedman@sb-architects.com">jfriedman@sb-architects.com</a>		X		My name is Jorey S. Friedman and I live at 1019 Lisbon Street, Coral Gables.  My 6 year-old son is currently attending the Coral Gables Preparatory Academy, but is also fully engaged at the CG Youth Center which is directly across from the Somerset Academy campus. I am therefore very familiar with the area, and have no doubt that with the proper organization and structuring of pick-up/drop-offs, it could handle an increase in traffic flow that would result from an expansion of the school. I don't think that it would be detrimental to the community or local residents in any way and am in full support of the Somerset Academy Gables expansion.  Sincerely, Jorey Shoshanna Friedman
266.	04 11 11	Stephanie Anders <a href="mailto:sanders@bacardi.com">sanders@bacardi.com</a>		X		Hi, I am writing to express my support for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Both of my children attend this wonderful school and I want to see them continue their education at this location through 8th grade.  Thanks, Stephanie Anders
267.	04 11 11	Paola & Joseph Allegra 704 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables <a href="mailto:manzalle@hotmail.com">manzalle@hotmail.com</a>		X		We support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Paola & Joseph Allegra 704 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables
268.	04 11 11	Laura Neiman <a href="mailto:laura@diversifiedbiologicals.com">laura@diversifiedbiologicals.com</a>		X		To whom it may concern:  I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Thanks, Laura Neiman
269.	04 11 11	Janice Montalvo 6126 SW 61 Street Miami, FL 33143 <a href="mailto:Janice_montalvo@hotmail.com">Janice_montalvo@hotmail.com</a>		X		To whom it may concern:  This note is to express my support for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.

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		com				<p>Regards, Janice Montalvo</p> <p>My address is: 6126 SW 61 Street Miami, FL 33143</p>
270.	04 11 11	Monica Benitez 3266 Allamanda St Miami, Fl. 33133 <a href="mailto:mpbnitz@aol.com">mpbnitz@aol.com</a>		X		<p>"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."</p> <p>Monica Benitez 3266 Allamanda St Miami, Fl. 33133</p>
271.	04 11 11	Carlos Avino 1410 Urbino Avenue Coral Gables, FL <a href="mailto:cavino@higcapital.com">cavino@higcapital.com</a>		X		<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am writing in support of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. I understand the needs of both parties and something must be figured out in order to have another high-quality community school in Coral Gables. My wife and I want to provide the best education possible for our two children and that was part of the premium we paid for our home.</p> <p>I am a resident of Coral Gables at 1410 Urbino Avenue and live right across the street from the University of Miami. There are pros and cons just like everything but I deal with traffic in the area on an everyday basis but such is life. Would the city be better off without the University because there is traffic in the surrounding areas (rhetorical question)? Would I like to make a left turn onto San Amaro when going to work in the mornings? Yes, since it saves me a couple of minutes. Instead I have to drive to Alhambra, go down 2 blocks to Certosa Avenue make a right and then head over to San Amaro. Should the city not have made these traffic improvements because it takes me and my neighbors a few more minutes to get to work in the morning? I have seen traffic circles installed, no left turns, etc. added to the area over the course of the past 5 -10 years. I am sure things can be done to remedy the traffic situation but will leave that to the experts.</p> <p>I understand the neighbors and the slight inconvenience to their neighborhood as there will be more cars in the area. In the grand scheme of things it's a slight inconvenience which is something everyone should keep in mind. This is not a shopping plaza or nightclub opening in their neighborhood.</p> <p>Our schools in Coral Gables are at capacity and the city has been presented a golden opportunity to do something about it. Please make the right choice that benefits the city and surrounding community and support the expansion of Somerset Gables.</p> <p>Best Regards, Carlos A. Aviñó</p>
272.	04 11 11	Paul Zamek		X		<p>My name is Paul Zamek and I live at 1505 Ferdinand Street, Coral Gables, Florida.</p>

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		1505 Ferdinand Street Coral Gables, Florida <a href="mailto:Paul.zamek@gmail.com">Paul.zamek@gmail.com</a>				<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the University Baptist Church location. My children attend PreK-4 and 1st grade at Somerset Gables and their academic achievement this year is beyond anything I could have imagined.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Principal, teachers and staff are exceptional. Somerset creates a learning environment which is both nurturing and challenging at the same time. The dual language, technology rich student experience at Somerset prepares children at an early age to succeed in life.</li> <li>• The academic building at UBC has over 35 student ready classrooms which are not currently being utilized. Even at the full amount of students requested in the application, the facility would not be used to its capacity.</li> <li>• The traffic impact to the neighborhood is mitigated through a professionally developed program employing staggered pick-ups and drop offs without the need to park your vehicle. This system is currently being used at Somerset and there has been zero negative impact to the surrounding neighborhood.</li> <li>• Parents are held accountable to following the rules of the school through a mandatory parent/school contract.</li> <li>• Somerset Gables can give priority enrollment to students who live within one mile of the school making it the only true public, neighborhood school in Coral Gables.</li> <li>• Somerset currently has many parents who are neighbors of the school. Somerset understands their needs and is committed to being a good neighbor.</li> <li>• Somerset Gables will have a positive economic impact on the community creating 50 new jobs plus complimentary services associated with the school.</li> <li>• Somerset Gables application incorporates the future improvements to Segovia Street.</li> <li>• The City of Coral Gables has sought to create a charter school in the past. The parents and supporters of this school have brought this opportunity to reality.</li> </ul> <p>I strongly encourage the planning and zoning board to approve the application under consideration on April 27th.</p> <p>Sincerely, Paul Zamek</p>
273.	04 11 11	The Puente Family Nicole, Justin, and Victoria <a href="mailto:nicoledelara@gmail.com">nicoledelara@gmail.com</a>		X		<p>Dear all -</p> <p>It is with much hope that I send you this letter on behalf of my family. We have recently moved to Coral Gables with our 3 year old daughter and are incredibly eager to see the Somerset school expand so she has the opportunity to enroll in one of the very best schools the city has to offer. The existing parents rave about the learning experiences that the school has brought to their children since the moment it opened its doors and we very much hope to take advantage of a much needed public school education for her.</p> <p>We urge you to expand the enrollment at the UBC location and trust that you understand</p>

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						<p>the benefits it will bring to the community on an array of levels.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your support!</p> <p>The Puente Family Nicole, Justin, and Victoria nicolelara@gmail.com</p>
274.	04 11 11	Natalie Tremols <a href="mailto:ntremols@aol.com">ntremols@aol.com</a>		X		<p>I support Sommerset Gables School Expansion!</p> <p>I support the Somerset Gables Expansion! We need schools in Coral Gables that Gables children can attend and not go outside of the City. Too many of our children have had to go to schools outside of our City in order to get the quality education we want for our children.</p> <p>WE NEED THE SOMERSET GABLES EXPANSION!</p>
275.	04 11 11	Manuela Jaramillo 3613 Loquat Avenue Miami, FL 33133 <a href="mailto:mjaramillo@latinpressinc.com">mjaramillo@latinpressinc.com</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location</p> <p>Manuela Jaramillo, ext 73 3613 Loquat Avenue Miami, FL 33133</p>
276.	04 11 11	Emmanuel Datoc <a href="mailto:Emmanuel.datoc@xerox.com">Emmanuel.datoc@xerox.com</a>		X		<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."</p> <p>Sincerely, Emmanuel Datoc</p>
277.	04 11 11	Melissa Calixto <a href="mailto:mc@affinitymanagementse rvices.com">mc@affinitymanagementse rvices.com</a>		X		<p>"I Support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."</p> <p>Melissa Calixto</p>
278.	04 11 11	Karla Grover 4600 SW 67 Ave, 145 Miami, FL 33155 <a href="mailto:kgrover@miami.edu">kgrover@miami.edu</a>		X		<p>Good Afternoon,</p> <p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Karla Grover 4600 SW 67 Ave, 145 Miami, FL 33155</p>
279.	04 11 11	Lourdes M. Niebla 4526 SW 3rd Street Miami, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:Lourdes.niebla@mch.com">Lourdes.niebla@mch.com</a>			X	<p>Name: Lourdes M. Niebla Address: 4526 SW 3rd Street Miami, FL 33134</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p>

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						"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."  Thank you. Lourdes M. Niebla
280.	04 11 11	Yanelquis Ramos 3410 SW 23rd ST Miami FL 33145 Yaner0128@aol.com				Yanelquis Ramos 3410 SW 23rd ST Miami FL 33145 Yaner0128@aol.com  To Whom It May Concern: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Thank you for your help, Yanelquis Ramos
281.	04 11 11	Ninoska Marucci <a href="mailto:nimarcucci@gmail.com">nimarcucci@gmail.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset gables at UBC location.  Sincerely, Ninoska Marcucci
282.	04 11 11	Steven M. Harper 4915 San Amaro Ct. Coral Gables, FL 33146 <a href="mailto:sharper@harpermeyer.com">sharper@harpermeyer.com</a>		X		I am a Coral Gables resident and I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Steven M. Harper 4915 San Amaro Ct. Coral Gables, FL 33146
283.	04 11 11	Andres Carrillo 3645 Riviera Ct Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:andrescarrillochica@gmail.com">andrescarrillochica@gmail.com</a>		X		Andres Carrillo 3645 Riviera Ct Coral Gables, FL 33134  Dear sir / madam,  I wanted to write in support of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. My family lives three blocks away from the school and our son has been accepted, pending the expansion of the school's capacity. We would be extremely disappointed if we cannot get the position at the school due to a negative decision for the expansion.  Sincerely, Andres Carrillo
284.	04 11 11	Roger A. Betancourt <a href="mailto:rabetancourt@bellsouth.net">rabetancourt@bellsouth.net</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location to at least 500+ students. The 100+ kids who are there only occupy 6 of approximately 30 classrooms.  Roger A. Betancourt
285.	04 11 11	Geoff R. Gackle <a href="mailto:geoffgackle@experttranscription.com">geoffgackle@experttranscription.com</a>		X		I am a first-hand witness of seeing the positive impact Somerset has had on the Gables Area. The "assumed" traffic issue has not even been a factor, and seeing the current structures

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						<p>that they have in place for drop off and pick up, I do not see this being an issue even with the maximum expansion allowed. Currently my nephews are enrolled and their learning Has drastically improved from their previous education given at other schools, and so has their social and emotional development. The principal and faculty are top-notch. They provide a very caring and disciplined approach to their teaching. I would be extremely disappointed if this expansion were not to pass.</p> <p>It should serve as a model to what the bright future of our city can be!</p> <p>I strongly support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC Location.</p> <p>Geoff R. Gackle</p>
286.	04 11 11	Victoria E. Anderson <a href="mailto:Victoria.miami@att.net">Victoria.miami@att.net</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>Regards Victoria E Anderson</p>
287.	04 11 11	Raul Herrero 1410 Ferdinand ST Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:Raul.miami@gmail.com">Raul.miami@gmail.com</a>		X		<p>"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."</p> <p>Raul Herrero 1410 Ferdinand ST Coral Gables, FL 33134</p>
288.	04 11 11	Susy Fernandez-Shelton, CAM 1212 Aguila Avenue Coral Gables, FI 33134 <a href="mailto:susyk@bellsouth.net">susyk@bellsouth.net</a>		X		<p>I am a strong supporter of Gables Somerset expanding in Coral Gables. I grew up in Coral Gables, live and work here. I think the opportunity for the Gables to have a charter school that is up through 8th grade is amazing. Yes, the public schools in Coral Gables are good, but Coral Gables Elementary is full, Carver Elementary is really in the Grove and Sunset is really in South Miami. I think it would also be an asset for the community, as families are going to attend local events and sign up children for after school activities in the Youth Center, which is usually pretty empty. This will inturn generate more jobs and funds for city. It will most certainly enhance community involvment and community pride. I know the neighbors are not pleased with the expansion, but everything that is for progress always gets resistance. Hopefully, they will see that it is for the betterment of Coral Gables as a whole and not simply for a few individuals as they claim.</p> <p>Please feel free to call me.</p> <p>Susy Fernandez-Shelton, CAM 1212 Aguila Avenue (Home) Coral Gables, Florida 33134</p>
289.	04 11 11	Philip D. Floyd, MD Debbie Gerspacher Floyd 925 Cotorro Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146		X		<p>Dear Members of Zoning and Planning Board,</p> <p>My wife, Debbie Gerspacher Floyd (a lifelong Gables resident) and I (Gables resident for the last nine years) are neighbors and parents of the Somerset Grace Charter School at</p>

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		<a href="mailto:philipfloydmd@gmail.com">philipfloydmd@gmail.com</a>				<p>UBC. We are fully in support of this school and all of the wonderful contributions it is making and will make to our community.</p> <p>Good schools, and an adequate supply of them, make good cities. We are the City Beautiful and trust that as you make your decisions that you will continue this tradition. Somerset helps to make our City Beautiful a City Alive and Growing.</p> <p>Thank you for your careful consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely yours,</p> <p>Philip D. Floyd, MD Debbie Gerspacher Floyd 925 Cotorro Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33146</p>
290.	04 11 11	Cecilia C. Blanco <a href="mailto:ceciblanco@gmail.com">ceciblanco@gmail.com</a>		X		<p>I am a strong supporter for this much needed school. My sister lives in Pinecrest and sits among three elementary schools in the area and her property values are higher, not lower as the long-time, kidless residents of CG would have you believe.</p> <p>The children of CGables are counting on you. Thank you. -- Cecilia C. Blanco</p>
291.	04 11 11	Xavier A. Franco <a href="mailto:xfranco@gzflaw.com">xfranco@gzflaw.com</a>		X		<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>This is to express my support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Xavier A. Franco</p>
292.	04 11 11	Jane Whitmoyer 21 Maple Hill Drive Larchmont, NY 10538 <a href="mailto:jacresswell@hotmail.com">jacresswell@hotmail.com</a>		X		<p>As an incoming resident to Coral Gables, I wholeheartedly support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. It is our number one choice for our two children.</p> <p>Thank you and kindest regards,</p> <p>Jane Whitmoyer 21 Maple Hill Drive Larchmont, NY 10538</p>
293.	04 11 11	Jose Nodarse <a href="mailto:jnodarse@inrproperty.com">jnodarse@inrproperty.com</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location</p>
294.	04 11 11	Nanette Davila-Epelbaum 3934 Riviera Dr. Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:Nanette102@gmail.com">Nanette102@gmail.com</a>		X		<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I, Nanette Davila-Epelbaum, support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p>

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						Sincerely, Nanette Davila-Epelbaum 3934 Riviera Dr. Coral Gables, FL 33134
295.	04 11 11	Lisa Rodriguez <a href="mailto:Lisa_rodriguez@ajg.com">Lisa_rodriguez@ajg.com</a>		X		Dear Public officials:  I am writing to ask for your in support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.  Best, Lisa Rodriguez
296.	04 11 11	Marika de Nie Puyana Mdenie01gmail.com		X		To whom this may concern.  I write to you as a parent of three kids. And find living in one of the best city's of Florida. That we are so deeply in lack of good available public schools for our kids. That the ones that are available my kids are on waiting lists. We pay so much taxes here, we deserve a good school for our kids who deserve a good education and who will be maybe running this city after our generation. You have the power. UBC has the infrastructure, teachers and students waiting to be part of a great American education.  I come from Canada. We have never had problems such as not giving a good education to our kids. I know we can do it here too with your help. Isn't this what America is all about, to make things happen, you have our support as a community, now we desperately need yours to make our kids future the best they can even have.  Please allow the expansion of the UBC.  Most sincerely, Marika de Nie Puyana
297.	04 11 11	Ricardo & Jacky Londono 628 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FI 33134 <a href="mailto:rlondono@adaag-consulting.com">rlondono@adaag-consulting.com</a>		X		Dear Planning-Zoning Department and City Clerk:  My family and I are second generation Coral Gables residents and an "immediate neighbor" of the Somerset Gables/UBC location.  Please accept this email as an indication that we are in FULL SUPPORT of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location"  We are honored and privileged to have such a quality school like Somerset Gables within walking distance from our home.  Thanks,

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						Ricardo & Jacky Londono 628 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FI 33134 150 Yards from Somerset Gables School at UBC
298.	04 11 11	Carlos Herrera Cherrera@		X		I am in favor on the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Regards, Carlos Herrera
299.	04 11 11	Veronica Minet & Benito Rojo 1605 Country Club Prado Coral Gables, FI 33134 <a href="mailto:verominet@gmail.com">verominet@gmail.com</a>		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."  Veronica Minet & Benito Rojo 1605 Country Club Prado Coral Gables, FI 33134
300.	04 11 11	<a href="mailto:Janetp10@hotmail.com">Janetp10@hotmail.com</a>		X		To whom it may concern, I support the expansion Somerset Coral Gables at UBC center
301.	04 11 11	Mildalys Ruiz 3435 SW 6th street Miami, FL <a href="mailto:Mildays.ruiz@t-mobile.com">Mildays.ruiz@t-mobile.com</a>		X		04/11/2011  To whom it may concern: I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. My name is Mildays Ruiz. I live at 3435 SW 6th street, Miami FI 33135 less than 2 miles away from Somerset Gables. I have a 6 year old son who currently attends kinder at The Growing Place in Coral Gables. He has been attending that school since Pre K 3. I was fortunate enough to be able to afford private school for my son up until, last year when my husband became unemployed. Paying private school this year has been a sacrifice, I do not regret this sacrifice considering my son was tested for gifted scoring an overall IQ of 142. We are proud parents and proud of the sacrifices made with our son Armani. However, now the reality and mental anguish of not knowing where my son will be attending school this coming year has set in. My neighborhood school is Aurbendale Elementary. Aurbendale does not have a gifted program. I am currently going through the unpleasant experience of registering him at the neighborhood school with hope that I may transfer him to Gables Elementary at some point next school year, which does have a gifted program. I have been informed it is not a good idea to put him in a regular class environment he will get bored, causing distraction leading to long term problems with his education. There are no Charter Schools in or around my area. Somerset Gables would be a great addition to the neighborhood allowing kids like my son Armani to maximize his education in a charter environment and curriculum allowing him to further enhance his future/education. I urge and beg the decision makers to approve the expansion of Somerset Gables allowing students with bright futures ahead of them the opportunity to reach the American dream. I will do whatever needs to be done to support and show how grateful we will be when the city of Coral Gables supports/approve the expansion of Somerset Gables. Once again, my name is Mildalys Ruiz and I do support the expansion of Somerset Gables.  Thank you, Mildalys Ruiz (305-766-0412)

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						3435 SW 6th street, Miami
302.	04 11 11	Chantale Bayard-Mazzei		X		With this email please know that I fully support the expansion of the Somerset Coral Gables school. Thank you, Chantale Bayard-Mazzei
303.	04 11 11	Maria Alejandra Perez <a href="mailto:Mperez17@med.miami.edu">Mperez17@med.miami.edu</a>		X		<p>Dear City Clerk Foeman, Dear Members of the Coral Gables Planning &amp; zoning committees,</p> <p>I write to you, like many parents who are vested in the growth and expansion of Somerset Academy Coral Gables, to vouch for the positive (and much needed) impact of the school in our community. I believe as many other parents that Somerset Gables brings a wealth of resources to our community with minimal impact around the UBC location, and since its inception I have been following its development and continued efforts for growth. I have two children, Brianna who is 5 and Luke who is 4. My husband and I have high hopes that they will have every possible opportunity to be part of this school. This can only happen is Somerset Gables is allowed to open spaces for more deserving children.</p> <p>My husband and I had always thought we would go the private school route as we were former residents of the West Miami area and we wanted to ensure that we provided our children with incredibly rich and nurturing academic settings – none of the immediate schools in our former area fit that bill. Now, as members of the greater gables area, we live just outside Somerset Gables' immediate radius, across the street from Epiphany parish, and we would love nothing but to see Somerset Gables grow and flourish and see that our children can have access to this school.</p> <p>Unlike the majority of other parents, however, we got handed a major curve ball – our son Luke, was diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum and has PDD (a very mild form of Autism that is very responsive to therapies – occupational, physical, Applied behavioral, and speech therapies). Since his diagnosis we have taken every possible step to ensure his success and access to all therapies – this has come at an incredible financial investment and budget allocations. We now find ourselves in a position, both fortunate and challenging, that we must shift our focus from the private schools we had considered for them, to the top quality public and charter schools the area has to offer. We truly believe Somerset Gables offers the entire package – a highly qualified team of educators, with a challenging and forward-thinking curriculum, and a wonderful family of parents supporting its every endeavor and positive stride toward community enrichment. We would love nothing more than to be a more permanent member of this enterprise. We look to you, our community leaders, to open opportunities to all the parents seeking the best opportunities for their children.</p> <p>Respectfully Yours, Maria Alejandra Perez</p>
304.	04 11 11	Armando Aguilar <a href="mailto:Aaguilar37@yahoo.com">Aaguilar37@yahoo.com</a>		X		To whom it may concern:

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						<p>As a parent with two small children; one that will be entering kindergarten this year and another one who will be entering the school system in a few years, I feel that is imperative that this proposal to expand Somerset be given a favorable review. If you speak to the principals of the schools in our area, they will tell you that the demand is high and there are more students in this area than the schools can currently handle. Therefore, there is a real need for a school like Somerset Gables and since the city is most likely not building any more schools in the near future, Somerset Gables should be received with open arms.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to read this email.</p> <p>Best regards, Concerned Parent</p>
305.	04 11 11	Maria Fernandez 5745 SW 51 ST Miami, FL 33155 <a href="mailto:Maria.bolanos@assurant.com">Maria.bolanos@assurant.com</a>		X		<p>Hi My name is Maria Fernandez and we live at: 5745 SW 51 ST Miami, FL 33155</p> <p>We support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p>
306.	04 11 11	Janet Perez 4515 SW 64 Ct Miami, FL 33155 <a href="mailto:Janetp10@hotmail.com">Janetp10@hotmail.com</a>		X		<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location.</p> <p>Thank you, Janet Perez 4515 SW 64 Ct Miami, FL 33155</p>
307.	04 11 11	Lisa Geremia <a href="mailto:Lisa.geremia@diageo.com">Lisa.geremia@diageo.com</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Please support us too!!</p> <p>_____ Lisa Geremia</p>
308.	04 11 11	Janet Tamargo 12230 S.W. 104th Terrace Miami, FL 33186 <a href="mailto:ictamargo@dadeschools.net">ictamargo@dadeschools.net</a>		X		<p>Janet Tamargo 12230 S.W. 104th Terrace Miami, FL 33186</p> <p>I support the expansion of somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p>
309.	04 11 11	Carter Nance 309 Viscaya Ave. Coral Gables, Fla. 33133 <a href="mailto:Cnance@cpbgroun.com">Cnance@cpbgroun.com</a>		X		<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Carter Nance 309 Viscaya Ave. Coral Gables, Fla. 33133</p>
310.	04 11 11	Alain J. Yanes 341 Malaga Avenue		X		<p>Hello</p> <p>I am writing this letter in support of Somerset Academy Gables. I am a resident of Coral</p>

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		Coral Gables, FL <a href="mailto:ayanes@univison.net">ayanes@univison.net</a>				<p>Gables. My address is 341 Malaga Avenue. I have seen, first hand, what this school has done for the children that attend and for the community in general. When I first moved into the city early last year I was looking to put my daughter in the nearest public school. Due to the schools being overcrowded, the nearest school (being less than a mile away) and the second school (being a little over a mile away) could not accommodate any new enrollees. My only other option was a third school that was much further away. Because of Somerset I was able to enroll my daughter in a school three blocks away from our new home. This was the best thing that could happen to my family. Since I have multiple children I would like to have all three go to the same school and enjoy the same excellent education my oldest child is receiving. That is why I am imploring anyone who reads this e-mail to help Somerset Gables in its expansion. I cannot find anything better to accept and embrace than the education of children at an excellent school. If anyone has any questions about this e-mail please do not hesitate to contact me. It is too important an issue for my family.</p> <p>Thank you, Alain J. Yanes</p>
311.	04 11 11	Victoria Colross Hucks 616 San Esteban Ave Coral Gables, FL <a href="mailto:vickyhucks@aol.com">vickyhucks@aol.com</a>		X		<p>To Whom it May Concern:</p> <p>I wholeheartedly support Somerset Gables. I have lived in Coral Gables my entire life. In fact, I was born at Doctors Hospital. Although my own children attend Saint Philips Episcopal School, my nephew attends Somerset Gables and I pick him up from school every day. The families of the children that attend Somerset Gables are truly the nicest and most respected Coral Gables families. They not only care about the school that their children go to, but they also care about how that school affects the city that they live in. Somerset Gables is having a positive impact on our community.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and support of Somerset Gables.</p> <p>Regards, Victoria Colross Hucks 616 San Esteban Ave</p>
312.	04 11 11	Nurys Vidal <a href="mailto:Nurys.vidal@assurant.com">Nurys.vidal@assurant.com</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location!</p> <p>Nurys Vidal, CPA</p>
313.	04 11 11	Teresa M. Perez <a href="mailto:Teresa.perez@assurant.com">Teresa.perez@assurant.com</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location</p> <p>Thank you! Teresa M. Perez</p>
314.	04 11 11	Siuyan Powell <a href="mailto:Siuyan.powell@assurant.com">Siuyan.powell@assurant.com</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>Siuyan Powell</p>
315.	04 11 11	Gladys Sola 1212 Algeria Avenue		X		<p>Gladys Sola 1212 Algeria Avenue</p>

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		Coral Gables, FL. 33134 <a href="mailto:gladme@bellsouth.net">gladme@bellsouth.net</a>				Coral Gables, FL. 33134  Phone (305)484-7604  I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Sincerely, Gladys Sola
316.	04 11 11	Isabel Pena <a href="mailto:ipena@mbfhp.com">ipena@mbfhp.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location.  Isabel Peña
317.	04 11 11	Dr. Ileana Sosa 1401 SW 58 Avenue Miami, Florida 33144 <a href="mailto:Sosa720@bellsouth.net">Sosa720@bellsouth.net</a>		X		Dear Sir or Madam,  My name is Ileana Sosa. I am the parent of two school-age children and I am writing today in support of the expansion project at Somerset Gables at the UBC Location.  Although my children have not yet been admitted to Somerset, my support exists because I am confident that Somerset Gables will provide another secondary educational option for families in the Coral Gables area, one which will focus on high standards of achievement, personal growth, and social responsibility and awareness. Furthermore, I support Somerset Gables' commitment to preparing each student for a global society by providing a small and safe learning environment, an aligned, state-approved curriculum, and encouraging strong family involvement.  I look forward to having my children become students of Somerset Gables. Consequently, I believe that this innovative opportunity to expand Somerset Gables at the UBC Location will benefit the community and future students of Somerset Gables. Therefore, I respectfully ask you to carefully consider other alternatives to eliminating the expansion project and work on a resolution.  Sincerely, Dr. Ileana Sosa 1401 SW 58 Avenue Miami, Florida 33144
318.	04 11 11	Ramon Carcases 8623 S.W. 113 Court Miami, FL 33173		X		Hello,  This letter is to express my support for the expansion of the Somerset Academy at the UBC location.  My name is Ramon Carcases, my address is 8623 SW 113th Court, Miami, FL 33173.  Respectfully, Ramon Carcases
319.	04 11 11	Sarah Beth Reno		X		To Whom it May Concern:

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		3035 Kirk Street Miami, FL 33133 <a href="mailto:sarah@onboard.com">sarah@onboard.com</a>				I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Thank you.  Sarah Beth Reno 3035 Kirk Street Miami, FL 33133 Cell Phone: (305) 495-1856
320.	04 11 11	Mason Harris 625 Puerta Ave Coral Gables, FL 33143 <a href="mailto:Mason.harris@gmail.com">Mason.harris@gmail.com</a>		X		I'm sending this email to express my support for the Somerset Gables School and its necessary growth at the UBC location. Our community is dire need of School like this.  Mason Harris 625 Puerta Ave Coral Gables, FL 33143
321.	04 11 11	Grizelle Paz-harrison <a href="mailto:gharriso@mdc.edu">gharriso@mdc.edu</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables because we need more good schools in the area. Our public schools are over-crowded and our children need a good quality education.  I am not a Coral Gables resident but I spend a great deal of time there and have a lot of friends that are residents. My daughter attends a pre-school in the Gables and my boys have attended the youth center for their summer camp programs. We participate in programs at the Actor's Playhouse and eat out regularly in the wonderful restaurants. So I would say we contribute a great deal to the economy of the area and would love to have the opportunity to keep my child in a school like Sommerset.  Sincerely, Grizelle Paz-Harrison
322.	04 11 11	Doug Carletta 3800 Hibiscus Street Miami, FL 33133 <a href="mailto:dcarletta@bellsouth.net">dcarletta@bellsouth.net</a>		X		Greetings!  My name is Doug Carletta and I live at 3800 Hibiscus Street, Miami 33133.  I am writing to let you know that I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Regards, Doug
323.	04 11 11	Georgina C. Serio <a href="mailto:gserio@beechercarlson.com">gserio@beechercarlson.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location.  Georgina C. Serio, CIC, CRM,CRIS
324.	04 11 11	Tonya Hammond 12080 SW 268 Street #30 Homestead, FL 33032 <a href="mailto:Blessedhome30@bellsouth.net">Blessedhome30@bellsouth.net</a>		X		Hello,  I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Thanks.  Best Regards,

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						Tonya Hammond 12080 SW 268 Street #30 Homestead, FL 33032
325.	04 11 11	Melinda Jordan 10601 S.W. 99 Terrace Miami, FL 33176 <a href="mailto:Mkristinej22@yahoo.com">Mkristinej22@yahoo.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Melinda Jordan 10601 sw 99 terrace Miami, FL 33176
326.	04 11 11	Gaston L. Macau <a href="mailto:gmacau@gmail.com">gmacau@gmail.com</a>		X		I strongly support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." (United Baptist Church of Coral Gables.) This new charter school that opened this current school year is very important as the other public elementary schools are at full capacity and it's very difficult to get into those schools. We are in desperate need of a school of this caliber to open in this neighborhood. The city only allowed it to open for grades Pre-K3 through 2nd grade and we need city approval to have it open to FULL capacity. Some of the neighbors are against the school due to traffic and other reasons like; their kids are grown and some forgot that their kids were young once, that's why it only opened for a few grades; and again, this school is much needed in our neighborhood.  Thank you in advance for your cooperation
327.	04 11 11	Elizabeth M. Bejar 9124 SW 65 Street Miami, FL 33173 <a href="mailto:bejarchammas@gmail.com">bejarchammas@gmail.com</a>		X		To Whom It May Concern:  I have been a life-long resident of South Florida, and I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Thank you, Elizabeth M. Bejar 9124 SW 65 Street Miami, FL 33173
328.	04 11 11	Ana M Nardo 1507 Cordova Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:amnardo@gmail.com">amnardo@gmail.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Ana M Nardo 1507 Cordova Street Coral Gables, FL 33134
329.	04 11 11	Anamari Valle, LMT <a href="mailto:ann@thespa-at-home.com">ann@thespa-at-home.com</a>		X		To Whom It May Concern,  I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location.  Sincerely, Anamari Valle, LMT The Spa @ Home <a href="http://www.thespa-at-home.com">www.thespa-at-home.com</a>
330.	04 11 11	Juan Carlos and Annie Lopez 617 Minorca Avenue		X		To whom it may concern:  My son attends Somerset Academy Coral Gables and we are absolutely in love with the

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		Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:anniemartinez@yahoo.com">anniemartinez@yahoo.com</a>				<p>school. Students receive an incredible education, the caliber of which is the kind you would find in the most elite private schools. We are writing you today to urge you to grant the school's application to allow its expansion at the current location at UBC.</p> <p>We are aware that there is a small but vocal minority that object to the school. However, we believe that the school's presence and how it has and continues to conduct itself as a responsible stakeholder in our community will allay the fears and concerns of its opponents.</p> <p>As we understand it, the main objection to the school's expansion is that some are worried about a "significant traffic event" everyday at drop-off and pick up. We believe that the results of the traffic studies conducted by Somerset will show otherwise. The families and students that are part of the Somerset community are neighbors and citizen stakeholders who do not want to detrimentally affect the adjacent area.</p> <p>Please be assured that we would be respectful of the area surrounding the school and would avoid driving in their area to minimally impact the neighborhood. However, one can not ignore that the Coral Gables Youth Center and Coral Gables Public Library are neighbors too. The activities at these facilities create "traffic events" too- yet there presence is of no issue, even though there hours of operation are much longer.</p> <p>Secondly, we have heard concerns about truancy and vandalism from the students that attend or will attend the school. We would remind those raising this concern that this is a neighborhood school where most of the students live in the area. What distinguishes a charter school from a private school is that students must maintain a code of conduct- to which the parents are held responsible for as well. The children that attend the school are from good families that predominate across the City of Coral Gables. We believe this objection is the least rational of all and really a distraction.</p> <p>The way we have been treated by the City of Coral Gables is a great source of frustration. It is very obvious that a decision on this application has been unduly delayed. We were given assurances that this process would take 90 days at most.</p> <p>We are not naive enough to think that the upcoming election has nothing to do with it. But the lack of decision making by our City leaders is baffling and dangerous to our children. There is not one speed zone sign or a traffic officer posted at or around the school. We urge you to make a decision as soon as possible.</p> <p>Lastly, those that object are also stating that there are "enough" schools to accomodate all the children living in Coral Gables. This position is problematic on several levels. Indeed, there are many fantastic private and parochial schools in the area- but the cost of attendance is exorbitant and rising, despite the difficult economic climate we find ourselves in. Public schools in the area are overcrowded and admittance into the school is arbitrary and has very little to do with whether you live in Coral Gables or not. Werealize that the</p>

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						<p>issues with the how kids are admitted into our " neighborhood" public schools is not under your jurisdiction. However, I am simply pointing out that assuming that we have enough education alternatives in the City of Coral Gables to serve all our children is myopic. Somerset Gables is very much needed in our City.</p> <p>We believe it would be very difficult for you to ignore the facts: the facility can comfortably hold the 735 capacity as requested in the application; the schools presence will not adversely affect the neighborhood and as neighbors, our school community will act to minimally impact the surrounding area; there are over 1300 parents, who are businessman, professionals, and citizens of this City that want this school, and who all have contacts in this city. The expansion of the school would most assuredly positively impact our neighborhoods, our children, and our businesses throughout the City.</p> <p>We request that you give the school's application the strongest consideration and grant its application without any further delay.</p> <p>Respectfully,            Juan Carlos and Annie Lopez            617 Minorca Avenue            Coral Gables, FL 33134</p>
331.	04 11 11	Nicole Milnthorpe 6215 SW 56th Street Davie, FL 33314 <a href="mailto:nmilnthorpe@deloitte.com">nmilnthorpe@deloitte.com</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>Nicole Milnthorpe            6215 SW 56th Street            Davie, FL 33314</p>
332.	04 11 11	Josh Schwartz 2800 Kirk Street Miami, FL 33133 <a href="mailto:joshdeal@gmail.com">joshdeal@gmail.com</a>		X		<p>Dear all,</p> <p>I support the expansion of Somerset Academy Coral Gables not just for the children and their parents, but for the positive effect it will have on the sociological and economic impact on Coral Gables for the future.</p> <p>I hope that this matter can be resolved in a timely manner.</p> <p>Thank you,            Josh Schwartz            2800 Kirk Street            Miami, FL 33133  <a href="mailto:joshdeal@gmail.com">joshdeal@gmail.com</a></p>
333.	04 11 11	Danika Mendrygal 3963 Cole Ave. Dallas, Texas 75204 <a href="mailto:Danika.mendrygal@haynesboone.com">Danika.mendrygal@haynesboone.com</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location</p> <p>Danika Mendrygal            3963 Cole Ave.            Dallas, Texas 75204</p>
334.	04 11 11	<a href="mailto:Cmsid28@yahoo.com">Cmsid28@yahoo.com</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location.</p>

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335.	04 11 11	Maria Martin <a href="mailto:mmartin@mbfhp.com">mmartin@mbfhp.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location.
336.	04 11 11	Cathleen Curbelo 14255 SW 39 Street Miami, FL 33175 <a href="mailto:Cathleen.curbelow@assurant.com">Cathleen.curbelow@assurant.com</a>		X		To Whom it may concern,  I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Thank you, Cathleen Curbelo 14255 SW 39 Street Miami, FL 33175
337.	04 11 11	Joseph P Rodriguez 3078 Bird Avenue Coconut Grove 33133 <a href="mailto:Melodee-rodriguez33133@yahoo.com">Melodee-rodriguez33133@yahoo.com</a>		X		I SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF SOMERSET GABLES AT UBC  JOSEPH P RODRIGUEZ 3078 BIRD AVENUE COCONUT GROVE 33133
338.	04 11 11	Mercedes M. Yanes <a href="mailto:memartinez@Univision.net">memartinez@Univision.net</a>		X		I TOTALLY support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location! I am a resident of Coral Gables and we desperately need this school in our neighborhood.  Mercedes M. Yanes
339.	04 11 11	Leonardo Martinez 1008 SW 45 Ave Miami, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:lemartinez@ncl.com">lemartinez@ncl.com</a>		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."  Leonardo Martinez 1008 SW 45 Ave Miami, FL 33134
340.	04 11 11	Roberto Alvarez-Perez <a href="mailto:effetha@bellsouth.net">effetha@bellsouth.net</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Roberto Alvarez-Pérez
341.	04 11 11	Jorge Rico <a href="mailto:jrico@mbfhp.com">jrico@mbfhp.com</a>		X		To whom it may concern:  As an owner of a business in Coral Gables for over the last 20 years I felt compelled to send you this e-mail informing you that "I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location". Education is the cobblestone of our community.  All the best, Jorge Rico
342.	04 11 11	Paola Leonetti <a href="mailto:Paola-gaia@yahoo.com">Paola-gaia@yahoo.com</a>		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."
343.	04 11 11	Iris Escarra 1402 Pizarro Street Coral Gables, FL <a href="mailto:lve324@gmail.com">lve324@gmail.com</a>		X		Strongly support the development of a school @624 Anastasia Avenue. The land use application should be approved to allow a much needed school in our neighborhood.

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344.	04 11 11	Javier F. Avino 740 Navarre Avenue Coral Gables, FL <a href="mailto:avinoj@gtlaw.com">avinoj@gtlaw.com</a>		X		I strongly support this application. Our City needs to incorporate more options for schools for our children. The site is ideal for the school and its proposed expansion.
345.	04 11 11	Doug Reno 3035 Kirk Street Miami, FL 33133 <a href="mailto:douglasreno@hotmail.com">douglasreno@hotmail.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables.  Doug Reno 3035 Kirk Street Miami, FL 33133
346.	04 11 11	Cristina Menendez <a href="mailto:cmenendez@mbfhp.com">cmenendez@mbfhp.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location.  Cristina Menendez, Controller MBF Healthcare Management, LLC 121 Alhambra Plaza, Suite 1100 Coral Gables, FL 33134
347.	04 11 11	Daniel Falcon <a href="mailto:Danfalcon1@aol.com">Danfalcon1@aol.com</a>		X		To whom it may concern;  I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location.  Daniel Falcon
348.	04 11 11	Gina Ralph 1505 Robbia Ave Coral Gables, FL 33146 <a href="mailto:gkralph@yahoo.com">gkralph@yahoo.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Gina Ralph 1505 Robbia Ave Coral Gables, FL 33146
349.	04 11 11	Nelson F. Hincapie 801 Brickell Key Blvd #3309 Miami, FL 33131 <a href="mailto:nhincapie@voices4.org">nhincapie@voices4.org</a>		X		To Whom It May Concern: My name is Nelson F. Hincapie and I reside at 801 Brickell Key Blvd. #3309 Miami, FL 33131. I write this e-mail in support of the expansion of Sommerset Gables School at UBC in Coral Gables. As someone who has been at the forefront of children's issues for over 5 years, I believe that the City of Coral Gables will benefit tremendously from having Sommerset Gables expand and continue providing an excellent educational experience for the young minds who have the opportunity to attend the school. The best return on investment for a city is to have its citizens well educated. I wholeheartedly support this expansion and hope that the elected officials are as supportive as the community.  Sincerely, Nelson F. Hincapie
350.	04 11 11	Virginia Londono 628 Aledo Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:vlondono@adaag-consulting.com">vlondono@adaag-consulting.com</a>		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."  Virginia Londoño

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351.	04 11 11	Vanessa Pacheco <a href="mailto:vanypd@gmail.com">vanypd@gmail.com</a>		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."
352.	04 11 11	Heather & Gaston Macau – Coral Gables Residents 1720 Ferdinand Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:heathermacau@gmail.com">heathermacau@gmail.com</a>		X		<p>We completely support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Our neighborhood needs a school of this caliber to open to full capacity.</p> <p>We are aware of some of the neighbors' concerns regarding traffic and respect their concerns; however, Somerset Gables has excellent solutions to limit the impact of the traffic in the area. The current UBC location is an excellent location for the school since it is already established and can accommodate the number of students the school is requesting. Additionally, UBC is on a main road in Coral Gables, so it can handle the increased traffic concerns.</p> <p>Although Coral Gables has other excellent elementary schools, it is very difficult to get into those schools since they are over capacity. What this means is that even though we are Coral Gables residents, there is no guarantee that our daughter, who is currently 2 years old, will be able to get into one of those Coral Gables public schools. It is a shame that without Somerset Gables opening to full capacity, we may not be able to send our daughter to a public school in our own neighborhood. This was a reason why we almost decided not to move to the area. As a prestigious city, Coral Gables residents should have the option to send our children to an excellent public school in our own city; schools should not be a reason why not to live in a city like Coral Gables.</p> <p>In order to attract more business, including international business, to our downtown area, one of the main selling points is having excellent schools (ones that they can actually get into) so their employees can send their children to school in the neighborhood that they live and work.</p> <p>We hope that Somerset Gables is allowed to open to full capacity. The city of Coral Gables is in dire need for another quality school.</p> <p>Kind Regards, Heather &amp; Gaston Macau – Coral Gables Residents 1720 Ferdinand Street Coral Gables, FL 33134</p>
353.	04 11 11	Lisset Cascudo <a href="mailto:lissetcascudo@millares.net">lissetcascudo@millares.net</a>		X		<p>I would like to send a quick note expressing my support for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. I sincerely hope that it gets approved. As a parent who spent years researching affordable quality schools, I would like to say that we need as many options as possible.</p> <p>Sincerely, Lisset Cascudo, C.P.A.</p>
354.	04 11 11	Estela Almanzar 8580 NW 6th Lane #104 Miami, Florida 33126		X		<p>Dear Planning-Zoning Department and City Clerk,</p> <p>I am writing this email because "I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC</p>

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		<a href="mailto:almanzarestela@gmail.com">almanzarestela@gmail.com</a>				location.". I believe that this project will definitely create some remarkable changes in students. This community needs an honored school like Somerset Gables. I know children who attend that school and their parent feel honored and privileged that their children attend Somerset Gables.  Sincerely, Estela Almanzar 8580 NW 6th Lane #104 Miami, Florida 33126
355.	04 11 11	Danielle Moran Almazan 7030 SW 64 CT Miami, FL 33143 <a href="mailto:danimoran@hotmail.com">danimoran@hotmail.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Danielle Moran Almazan 7030 SW 64 CT Miami, FL 33143
356.	04 11 11	Alex Galvez <a href="mailto:Alex.galvez@cogentcec.com">Alex.galvez@cogentcec.com</a>		X		To Whom It May Concern:  I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location! I am a local resident and I can't believe that my choice for schools are limited in a city as great as Coral Gables. I already live near a school with a 700 plus enrollment, St Theresa Catholic School, and I don't see the problems that exist there.  Sincerely, Alex Gálvez, CPA
357.	04 11 11	Bill White Senior Pastor University Baptist Church Coral Gables, Florida <a href="mailto:Bill.white@ubcmiami.org">Bill.white@ubcmiami.org</a>		X		To Whom It May Concern:  I am pleased to write in support of the expansion of the Somerset Charter School at the Coral Gables location. As pastor of the University Baptist Church I am gratified we can be of service to the families of our community and help provide this opportunity to the people of our city and beyond.  Sincerely, Bill White Senior Pastor University Baptist Church Coral Gables, Florida
358.	04 11 11	Jackie Bohmer <a href="mailto:Jacqueline.bohmer@yahoo.com">Jacqueline.bohmer@yahoo.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location  Thank you, Jackie Bohmer
359.	04 11 11	Mauricio Contreras <a href="mailto:mcontreras@adaag-consulting.com">mcontreras@adaag-consulting.com</a>		X		Dear Planning-Zoning Department and City Clerk:  As a parent and Coral Gables resident I would like to express my strong support of the "Expansion of Somerset Academy at Coral Gables" This project is very important to me and the community, specifically because Somerset

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						Academy is the only Miami-Dade County Public Charter School in our vicinity that provides top notch- education to our children in a safe learning environment, I believe that Somerset Gables is an integral part of our Community and that the expansion would greatly benefit our children, furthermore it's necessary so that a greater number of students in our area can have access to a quality education with high academic standards. I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my support to the Academy and to the Miami-Dade County Public Charter School System and their sponsors, and again I strongly recommend the City of Coral Gables Planning-Zoning Department approval of the plans for Expansion of the Somerset Academy. Sincerely, Mauricio Contreras
360.	04 11 11	Ashley J. Cueto acueto13@bellsouth.net		X		My name is Ashley Cueto, Coral Gables resident, and I am in full agreement of the expansion of Somerset Charter School (Coral Gables) at the UBC location.  Thank you, Ashley J. Cueto acueto13@bellsouth.net
361.	04 11 11	Olga Marcucci 626 Coral Way #601 Coral Gables FL 33134 <a href="mailto:loremarcucci@gmail.com">loremarcucci@gmail.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location  Olga Marcucci 626 Coral Way #601 Coral Gables FL 33134
362.	04 11 11	Pilar Miller 11441 SW 34 Lane Miami, FL 33165 <a href="mailto:pmiller@zubiad.com">pmiller@zubiad.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location!!!!!!!  Pilar Miller 11441 SW 34 Lane Miami, FL 33165 305-487-6101
363.	04 11 11	Juan Carlos Menendez and Susana Menendez 1329 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:jcmenendez@mjcconstruction.com">jcmenendez@mjcconstruction.com</a>		X		To whom it may concern:  I vigorously support the expansion of Somerset. This is a need in our community.  If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at my home number listed below.  Thank you Juan Carlos Menendez and Susana Menendez 1329 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, Florida 33134
364.	04 11 11	Ivonne Delara Paris 1050 Caribbean Way, Miami, FL 33132 <a href="mailto:iparis@rccl.com">iparis@rccl.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Thank you! Ivonne Delara Paris 1050 Caribbean Way, Miami, FL 33132

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365.	04 11 11	Barry and Rossana Phillips 6830 SW 69th Avenue Miami, FL 33143 Rmphilips65@bellsouth.net		X		<p>Dear Esteemed Leader:</p> <p>We would like to express our support for increasing the student body at Somerset Gables School in a manner that does not negatively impact its neighborhood. It would be prudent to expand the school in phases over time, thereby meeting the gradual growing needs and infrastructure of the Coral Gables community.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your consideration regarding this very important decision.</p> <p>Yours Truly, Barry and Rossana Phillips 6830 SW 69th Avenue Miami, FL 33143</p>
366.	04 11 11	Rosie Felip 6470 S.W. 17 Street Miami, FL 33155 <a href="mailto:Rfelipe33@gmail.com">Rfelipe33@gmail.com</a>		X		<p>I feel it very important to express my support of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>My name is: Rosie Felipe My current home address is: 6470 SW 17 Street, M/F 33155 I've worked in the Gables for the past 10 years - on Alhambra and now on Alhambra West. I currently attend UBC and am very proud of this project and look forward to an amicable ending to this exhausting saga - that is well worth the energy and efforts put forth by all.</p> <p>Blessings, Rosie Felipe</p>
367.	04 11 11	Alejandro Orozco <a href="mailto:alexorozcov@gmail.com">alexorozcov@gmail.com</a>		X		<p>Dear Planning-Zoning Department and City Clerk:</p> <p>Please accept this email as an indication that I'm in FULL SUPPORT of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location"</p> <p>Thanks, -- Alejandro Orozco</p>
368.	04 11 11	Barbara Callado <a href="mailto:actionsod@actionsod.com">actionsod@actionsod.com</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>HELLO MY NAME IS BARBARA CALLADO</p> <p>I AM CURRENTLY RELOCATING FROM DORAL, 11315 NW 79 LANE MIAMI FLORIDA 33178, TO CORAL GABLES, 1420 GRANADA. MY CHILDREN HAVE ALL ATTENDED DORAL ACADEMY CHARTER SOME HAVE GRADUATED FORM THERE. THE SCHOOL IS RAN BY THE SAME FIRM ACADEMICA AND I HAVE HAD A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE! I WOULD LOVE FOR MY DAUGHTER AMANDA LOPEZ TO CONTINUE HER EDUCATION CLOSE TO MY NEW HOME AT SOMERSET GABLES!</p> <p>THANK YOU</p>

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369.	04 11 11	Daniel Carles <a href="mailto:danielcarles@hotmail.com">danielcarles@hotmail.com</a>		X		<p>Dear people</p> <p>I do strongly support this expansion and any other when it comes down to education.</p> <p>A great US President once said:</p> <p>The school is the last expenditure upon which America should be willing to economize. ~Franklin D. Roosevelt</p> <p>So lets make every kid count. Lets give them the chance to become better people, better citizens, better human beings.</p> <p>I want to end my support email with these two quotes</p> <p>He who opens a school door, closes a prison. ~Victor Hugo</p> <p>Every time you stop a school, you will have to build a jail. What you gain at one end you lose at the other. It's like feeding a dog on his own tail. It won't fatten the dog. ~Mark Twain</p>
370.	04 11 11	Isabel Scharn 1114 Columbus Blvd Coral Gables, FL <a href="mailto:scharnfunnyfarm@yahoo.com">scharnfunnyfarm@yahoo.com</a>		X		I, Isabel Scharn, resident of 1114 Columbus Blvd, Coral Gables, support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
371.	04 11 11	Rosy Bracerias Padron 1140 SW 10 St Miami, FL 33130 <a href="mailto:rosybracerias@yahoo.com">rosybracerias@yahoo.com</a>		X		<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. This would be a great scholastic opportunity for the children of our community.</p> <p>Sincerely, Rosy Bracerias Padron 1140 SW 10 St Miami, FL 33130</p>
372.	04 11 11	Bert & Arlene Peck 7740 NW 71st Way Parkland, FL 33067 <a href="mailto:bbpeckpark@aol.com">bbpeckpark@aol.com</a>		X		<p>We support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>Bert &amp; Arlene Peck 7740 NW 71st Way Parkland, FL 33067</p>
373.	04 11 11	Linda Lee Thweatt 4913 Red Road Coral Gables, FL <a href="mailto:troyard@aol.com">troyard@aol.com</a>			X	<p>From: troyard@aol.com &lt;troyard@aol.com&gt; To: Olazabal, Carmen Sent: Mon Apr 11 16:56:36 2011 Subject: SomersetGables/Academica at University Baptist</p> <p>First - I live in and pay taxes in the City of Coral Gables</p>

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						(4913 Red Road.) Second - the proposed change in ordinance ss.163.3187, Florida Statutes from "Religious/Institutional" to "Community Services and Facilities" is very wrong. I am totally against it. This action would open many, many problems ALL over the City of Coral Gables. A very concerned City of Coral Gables citizen, Linda Lee Thweatt You need to check the residences to those in the ads and petitions for this change
374.	04 11 11	Emilio Moran 912 Messina Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:mills@oh-wow.com">mills@oh-wow.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location  Emilio Moran 912 Messina Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134
375.	04 11 11	Lynette Spizale 7175 sw 76th Street Miami, FI 33143 <a href="mailto:lynettespizale@yahoo.com">lynettespizale@yahoo.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Lynette Spizale 7175 sw 76th Street Miami, FI 33143
376.	04 11 11	Allison Langer Photography 1526 Sarria Avenue Coral Gables, FI 33146 Www.Allisonlanger.Com		X		i support somerset gables. it is a really great opportunity for the families in the gables who are unabel to pay for private education and who are not in the district for coral gables elementary. i really hope somerset is able to expand. with such strong and able families, so many charitable causes and community events will benefit. allison  allison langer photography 1526 sarria avenue coral gables, florida 33146 305.495.4199 www.allisonlanger.com
377.	04 11 11	Luisa Alejandra Shah 8755 SW 194 Terrace Cutler Bay, FL 33157		X		In a time where the focus and support for education, due to economic reasons, has fallen down to the lowest of priorities, it is nice to know there are still some schools that want to grow and help the future of our world expand in every aspect possible.  Our kids are our future, and they deserve a chance at a great school. Somerset Gables is a great school and I support its expansion at the UBC location.  Please allow for this to happen. It is necessary for all of us. It will make a difference in this world.  Thank you.  Cordially, Luisa Alejandra Shah 8755 SW 194 Terrace

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						Cutler Bay, FL 33157 786-853-9596
378.	04 11 11	Tarra ODonovan 3030 Orange Street Coconut Grove, Fl 33133		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBS location.  Tarra ODonovan 3030 orange street Coconut grove, fl 33133
379.	04 11 11	Vivian Conterio vivian@giatech.net		X		As a parent of a child at Somerset SoMi I support the expansion of Somerset Gables. I have many, many friends who live in Coral Gables and are desperate for a good school to place their kids in, within the city limits. Somerset SoMi has been a Godsend to South Miami and it's residents. My daughter is excelling and the academic excellence is way beyond our expectations. I urge you and the City Officials, to please allow the expansion of the school. You won't be disappointed.  Vivian Conterio
380.	04 11 11	Melissa Figueredo 8120 Geneva Court Apt #350 Doral, FL 33166 Mfigueredo123@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Melissa Figueredo 8120 Geneva Court Apt #350 Doral, FL 33166
381.	04 11 11	Mayerlin Orozco 13952 sw 26 terr Miami, FL 33175 Mayi_8@yahoo.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Mayerlin Orozco 13952 sw 26 terr Miami, FL 33175
382.	04 11 11	Lisa DellaPenna 1 Everett Ct Marlboro, NJ 07746 Lisadellapenna@gmail.com		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Thank you, Lisa DellaPenna 1 Everett ct Marlboro, Nj 07746 914-774-7799 Lisadellapenna@gmail.com
383.	04 11 11	Cari Gardner <a href="mailto:carigardner@bellsouth.net">carigardner@bellsouth.net</a>		X		Dear Planning and Zoning, I am a supporter of the expansion of the charter school Somerset Gables. I live in Coral Gables very near to the location of the school.  I understand there are traffic and parking concerns. However, with a good implementation and good planning, there should be minimal, if any, real problems with that. I believe that schedule staggering for drop-offs and pick-ups will be beneficial, as well as many other option that I'm sure have already been suggested.

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						<p>I think you will find that this new school can grow gracefully in our neighborhood! Thank you for taking the time to read this!</p> <p>Sincerely, Parent of school-age children, Cari Gardner</p>
384.	04 11 11	Topina Zingg 2307 South Douglas Road, Suite 500 Miami FL 33145		X		<p>I am a mother of two on the waiting list of the school and I strongly support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>Regards, -- Topina Zingg 2307 South Douglas Road, Suite 500 Miami FL 33145</p>
385.	04 11 11	Antonio Martinez 3686 S.W. 23 Street Miami, FL 33155 <a href="mailto:Skytek02@yahoo.com">Skytek02@yahoo.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location
386.	04 11 11	G. Masi 1208 Algeria Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:nospam.gio@gmail.com">nospam.gio@gmail.com</a>		X		<p>"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location"</p> <p>G. MASI 1208 ALGERIA AVE CORAL GABLES, FL 33134</p> <p>Gio <a href="mailto:nospam.gio@gmail.com">nospam.gio@gmail.com</a></p>
387.	04 11 11	Angie Montoya <a href="mailto:Angiem0000@gmail.com">Angiem0000@gmail.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at UBC location
388.	04 11 11	Elizabeth Lorenzo 3665 Toledo Street Coral Gables, FL 33145 <a href="mailto:Elorenzo10@gmail.com">Elorenzo10@gmail.com</a>		X		<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am a Parent of children that attend Somerset Gables Academy and I am thrilled with the School and Teachers. I support the expansion of Somerset Gables Academy in the UBC property. The School has shown to be responsible and courteous to all neighborhood homes and families. It is always trying to accommodate the neighborhood by having very organized traffic in and out of the school. Truly an excellent Institution and I very much wish it to expand.</p> <p>Please count on my support!</p> <p>Elizabeth Lorenzo 3665 Toledo Street Coral Gables, FL 33145 305-297-5054</p>
389.	04 11 11	Holly Troup		X		Please enter my statement into the Public Record:

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		924 South Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, Florida 33146				I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Holly Troup 924 South Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, Florida 33146  Thank you!
390.	04 12 11	Alexis Gonzalez, Esq. 716 Mendoza Avenue Coral Gables, FI 33134 <a href="mailto:alexis@aglawpa.com">alexis@aglawpa.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Alexis Gonzalez, Esq. 716 Mendoza Avenue Coral Gables, FI 33134
391.	04 11 11	Dulce Stephens 3337 Laurel Oak Street Fort Lauderdale, FI 33312 <a href="mailto:Dulcestephens@aol.com">Dulcestephens@aol.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Dulce Stephens 3337 Laurel Oak Street Fort Lauderdale, FI 33312
392.	04 11 11	Megan McCarthy <a href="mailto:Megnj1@aol.com">Megnj1@aol.com</a>		X		I totally support Somerset Coral Gables!!! Somerset is an excellent school and can offer great educational programs for the children and families of Coral Gables. This school offers a great opportunity for children to learn and grow in a safe and loving environment!! I would consider it a great loss to the Coral Gables community to not allow an expansion of this great school. Megan McCarthy
393.	04 11 11	Court Scharn 114 Columbus Blvd Coral Gables, FL <a href="mailto:scharntx@yahoo.com">scharntx@yahoo.com</a>		X		I, Court Scharn, a resident of 1114 Columbus Blvd, Coral Gables, support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location
394.	04 11 11	Kevin Mase <a href="mailto:skmase@yahoo.com">skmase@yahoo.com</a>		X		I am writing in support of Somerset Grace Charter School Coral Gables. I am a Florida native and a Coral Gables resident since 1969. We urgently need to expand our education choices. Urban developement like Condo's,Town Houses in and around Coral Gables has led to a population growth with no similar increases in class rooms. As a parent of a 12 and 5 year old I know the difficulty of trying to meet these challenges living in this community an educating my children. We need more class rooms.  Thank You Kevin Mase
395.	04 11 11	Maria Claudia Savage 520 Brickell Key Dr., Apt. A-1702 Miami, FL 33131 <a href="mailto:mcsavage@savagelaw.net">mcsavage@savagelaw.net</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location  Maria Claudia Savage 520 Brickell Key Dr., Apt. A-1702 Miami, FL 33131
396.	04 12 11	Olga M. Macau 1404 Ancona Avenue		X		I have been a resident of Coral Gables for the last 17 years and I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.

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		Coral Gables, FI 33146 <a href="mailto:olgamacau@bellsouth.net">olgamacau@bellsouth.net</a>				The other schools in the area are full and we need a school of this caliber in our City. My personal info: Olga M. Macau 1404 Ancona Avenue Coral Gables, FI 33146
397.	04 12 11	Michelle Guerra 909 Santiago Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:mbguerra@bacardi.com">mbguerra@bacardi.com</a>				I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Thank you,  Michelle Guerra 909 Santiago Street Coral Gables, FL 33134
398.	04 12 11	Ivette Baldaccini 1511 Alegriano Ave Coral Gables, FI 33146 <a href="mailto:dbaldaccin@aol.com">dbaldaccin@aol.com</a>		X		As a resident of Coral Gables, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables because it will be a positive sociological and economic impact on our city"s future.  Ivette Baldaccini 1511 Alegriano Ave Coral Gables, FI 33146
399.	04 12 11	Ivette Amaro <a href="mailto:ivetteamaro@preferredtrust.com">ivetteamaro@preferredtrust.com</a>		X		As a resident of Coral Gables, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables because it will be a positive sociological and economic impact on our city"s future.
400.	04 12 11	Jennifer White (parent of Aidan and Gavin Thompson) 2910 Washington Street Miami, FL 33133 <a href="mailto:Jen_and_shawn@bellsouth.net">Jen_and_shawn@bellsouth.net</a>		X		I, Jennifer White, support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. This addition to Coral Gables can fill a vital gap in the available public education options currently available to communities in the area. As economic times continue to be difficult, families need alternates to sending their children to private schools. Historically, a large portion of Coral Gables families did not consider the public school options making the population demands on the Coral Gables schools much less. We need to serve our families and make use of a facility, UBC, that can more than accomadate the needs of the Somerset Gables while meeting the needs of our community. Regards, Jennifer White (parent of Aidan and Gavin Thompson) 2910 Washington Street Miami, FL 33133
401.	04 12 11	Danielle Medolla <a href="mailto:medulla@hugheshubbard.com">medulla@hugheshubbard.com</a>		X		The Somerset family of schools provides an excellent education to our children. The premise of the school is to ensure that our children succeed and the proof is in our children. My sons are students of Somerset and have not only excelled but surpassed the children in our neighborhood that are attending our A rated elementary. To not support this school is failing them educationally.
402.	04 12 11	J. Suarez City Assurance Corp. 3900 N.W. 79 Ave. Suite 602 Doral, FI. 33166		X		I support the expansion of Sommerset Gables  J. Suarez City Assurance Corp. 3900 N.W. 79 Ave.

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		jscity@bellsouth.net				Suite 602 Doral, Fl. 33166 jscity@bellsouth.net
403.	04 122 11	Joaquin Avino. 8095 sw 78 st Miami, FL <a href="mailto:javino@charterschoolhouse.com">javino@charterschoolhouse.com</a>		X		My name is Joaquin Avino. My address is 8095 sw 78 st I strongly support the application of Gables Sommerset to expand at the UBC site. This represents a needed expansion of choice by the parents at a time when everyone from the President down to everyone in the community agrees that this would be an improvement over the current educational situation. This expansion would not present any negative effect on the City but would instead provide the residents of Coral Gables with much needed choice in a public school setting.
404.	04 12 11	Yvonne R. Mckercher 1701 SW 30th Avenue Miami, FL 33145 <a href="mailto:ymckercher@yahoo.com">ymckercher@yahoo.com</a>		X		I can not stress enough the need for quality public schools in our community. This school is such a terrific opportunity for so many children. We have no future if our children are not properly educated. Currently our schools in the Coral Gables area are over populated and many children are being turned away and sent to schools outside our community. This is such a wonderful opportunity in an existing facility that can accommodate so many children. Sommerset programs have had so much success and we have this opportunity in our doorstep, do not turn it away. Please help our children!!!!  Yvonne R. Mckercher 1701 SW 30th Avenue Miami, FL 33145
405.	04 12 11	Adriana Quinones <a href="mailto:aelqui@yahoo.com">aelqui@yahoo.com</a>		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."
406.	04 12 11	Alex Pertierra 13331 SW 102nd St. Miami, FL. 33186 <a href="mailto:Apertier@us.ibm.com">Apertier@us.ibm.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Alex Pertierra Address: 13331 SW 102nd St. Miami, FL. 33186
407.	04 12 11	Victoria Clavijo <a href="mailto:Vctr.clvj@gmail.com">Vctr.clvj@gmail.com</a>		X		Good morning:  I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables.  Thanks, Ms. Clavijo
408.	04 12 11	Cristina Toussaint 1133 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, fl 33143 <a href="mailto:cristinatoussaint@yahoo.com">cristinatoussaint@yahoo.com</a>		X		I support Somerset Gables at the UBC location  Cristina Toussaint 1133 Alhambra Circle Coral Gables, fl 33143
409.	04 12 11	Daniel Lorenzo 3665 Toledo St. Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:daniel@marecruit.com">daniel@marecruit.com</a>		X		3665 Toledo St. Coral Gables, FL 33134  I would like to show my support in the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.

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						Thank you, Daniel Lorenzo
410.	04 12 11	Yvette Erviti-Lopez 1241 La Mancha Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:yerviti@mercantilcb.com">yerviti@mercantilcb.com</a>		X		Yvette Erviti-Lopez 1241 La Mancha Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134  "I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."
411.	04 12 11	Andrea McWhirter 6501 S.W. 47th Street Miami, FL 33155 <a href="mailto:aamcwhirter@aol.com">aamcwhirter@aol.com</a>		X		To Whom It May Concern,  I have been delighted to have my 3 year old and 6 year old at Somerset Academy Gables this school year. Not only are my children receiving a wonderful education they have had opportunity to participate in various special events through UBC and the City of Coral Gables. Having the school so close to my work and home has made it possible for me to be an active parent in the education of my children.  I support a reasonable expansion of the Somerset Gables School. I believe a fair number can be agreed upon that would allow the school to serve the many families in the Coral Gables community.  Sincerely, Andrea McWhirter 6501 S.W. 47th Street Miami, FL 33155
412.	04 12 11	Yvonne Nunez <a href="mailto:Dolcevita36@comcast.com">Dolcevita36@comcast.com</a>		X		To whom it may concern: I am a home owner and resident of Coral Gables, and my husband is a business owner in Coral Gables. I would like it to be known that I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables. I have applied for my daughter because our home school is overcrowded and not high performing. Please re-consider allowing expansion of this school so that as a tax payer of Coral Gables, our children can have more choices to get a better education.  Thank you, Yvonne Nunez Coral Gables, FL 33158
413.	04 12 11	Stuart Miller 11441 SW 34th Lane Miami, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:smiller@zubiad.com">smiller@zubiad.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  I have worked in Coral Gables for 13 years. With my work schedule, I need to have my children go to schools within the Coral Gables area. This school would allow me to place my son there.  Thank you for your support.  Stuart Miller 11441 SW 34th Lane Miami, FL 33134

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414.	04 12 11	Barbara Fernandez <a href="mailto:nodarseb@yahoo.com">nodarseb@yahoo.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables. I think the expansion will have a positive sociological and economic impact on Coral Gables for years to come.  Sincerely, Barbara Fernandez
415.	04 12 11	Virginia Ferrari 822 Medina Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:yferrari@pricesmart.com">yferrari@pricesmart.com</a>		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location" Virginia Ferrari 822 Medina Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33134
416.	04 12 11	Christina Fraguio <a href="mailto:Bella.gio@comcast.net">Bella.gio@comcast.net</a>		X		To Whom It May Concern,  I am a lifelong Coral Gables resident & I support the growth & expansion of Gables Somerset Academy.  Families like mine need the option of a charter school in Coral Gables. I called Coral Gables Elementary last year to register my children. I was informed that because it is a "School of Choice", my children would be randomly placed by the Public School System in either Coral Gables Elementary, Sunset Elementary or Carver Elementary (which is not even in Coral Gables). I was also informed that this selection is individual, making it entirely possible for my children to be placed in different schools. How impractical is that???  Part of my tax dollars go to the public schools, so I should have the option of having my children attend the local public school that is within walking distance from my apartment. Somerset Gables Academy offers me an excellent public school option within a mile from my residence.  In order for this city to continue to grow & prosper, it must offer more public school options to parents of young children such as myself.  Thank you for your time & attention. Christina Fraguio
417.	04 12 11	Alexander Seifert 822 Medina Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:as@bluetradingus.com">as@bluetradingus.com</a>		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."  Regards Alexander Seifert 822 Medina Ave Coral Gables, FL 33134
418.	04 12 11	Lisa <a href="mailto:Benefitstemp.cg@miami.edu">Benefitstemp.cg@miami.edu</a>		X		I believe that the expansion of Somerset Gables would benefit the community greatly. Please consider the expansion as many students are being left out of going to such a wonderful school. My children attend Somerset Soma and this a great school.  Thank you, Lisa

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419.	04 12 11	Paul Estopiñan <a href="mailto:Paul.estopinan@gmail.com">Paul.estopinan@gmail.com</a>		X		I believe increasing the number of students would only enhance the community and provide an opportunity to receive a phenomenal education.  Regards, Paul Estopiñan
420.	04 12 11	Montsy Smithies 6490 Miller Road Miami, FL 33155 <a href="mailto:montsyfrig@yahoo.com">montsyfrig@yahoo.com</a>		X		To Whom It May Concern: I am writing in support of Somerset Academy at the UBC location. My name is Montsy Smithies (6490 Miller Road, Miami 33155. I am the mother of a toddler and I hope that this will be an educational option for my daughter in the next few years.  Sincerely, Montsy Smithies
421.	04 12 11	Matthew Anders <a href="mailto:manders@bakersbayclub.com">manders@bakersbayclub.com</a>		X		Hi, I am writing to express my complete support for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Both of my children attend this wonderful school and I want to see them continue their education at this location through 8th grade.  In my family's eyes, this school is an asset to the neighborhood, city, community, and most importantly the next generation of leaders...THE KIDS. It is more than a place to learn; The school is a cutting-edge, pedagogically forward thinking facility whose members and teachers are dedicated to promoting a community of scholarship as well as life education.  Thank you Matthew Anders
422.	04 12 11	Michele Baker Benesch 3440 Poinciana Avenue Miami, FL 33133 <a href="mailto:mbenesch@menumen.com">mbenesch@menumen.com</a>		X		Michele Baker Benesch 3440 Poinciana Avenue Miami, FL 33133  I am of full support to expand Somerset Gables at the UBC location.
423.	04 12 11	Lilianne Jules 530 NW 45 St, Miami, FL 33127 <a href="mailto:Cemoin1@hotmail.com">Cemoin1@hotmail.com</a>		X		Dear Planning-Zoning Department and City Clerk:  Please accept this email as an indication that I am in FULL SUPPORT of the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location"  Thank you, Lilianne Jules 530 NW 45 St, Miami, FL 33127
424.	04 12 11	Jon & Maritere Secada <a href="mailto:marisecada@secadaproductions.com">marisecada@secadaproductions.com</a>		X		To Whom it May Concern:  As parents with children attending Somerset SoMi, our experience with the education & atmosphere at the school has had a positive impact in both of children's education. In the process of working with the school we have gotten to know the administration & teaching staff on a day to day basis. As members of this community we can't imagine nothing other

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						<p>than positive results out of the expansion of Somerset Coral Gables.</p> <p>Best Regards, Jon &amp; Maritere Secada</p>
425.	04 12 11	<p>Jeff Noyes <a href="mailto:Jnoyes@cbmflorida.com">Jnoyes@cbmflorida.com</a></p>		X		<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I support an expansion of the Somerset Gables school at the UBC location. The school, the families associated with it, and most importantly, the children that are educated there, are an asset to the community.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Best, Jeff Noyes</p>
426.	04 12 11	<p>Monica Herrera 12783 SW 48th Terrace Miami, FL 33175 <a href="mailto:Monica.herrera@assurant.com">Monica.herrera@assurant.com</a></p>		X		<p>To Whom it May Concern:</p> <p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>Thank you, Monica Herrera 12783 SW 48th Terrace Miami, FL 33175</p>
427.	04 12 11	<p>Vivian Arenado <a href="mailto:viviang@att.net">viviang@att.net</a></p>		X		<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>This is to express my support on the expansion of Somerset Gables. I believe that expanding and offering an educational program to all elementary levels would be an asset to the community of Coral Gables. The staff and families that are involved in Somerset Gables are ensuring the education of our future generation. Expanding the well received program would only benefit the entire community of Coral Gables.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention, Vivian Arenado</p>
428.	04 12 11	<p>Catherine S. Gentil <a href="http://www.cmgtranslations.com">www.cmgtranslations.com</a></p>		X		<p>This is a great opportunity for the students in the area to receive a great education.</p> <p>Catherine S. Gentil <a href="http://www.cmgtranslations.com">www.cmgtranslations.com</a></p>
429.	04 12 11	<p>Estela Alonso 8525 SW 120th Street Miami FL 33156 <a href="mailto:Estela.alonso@assurant.com">Estela.alonso@assurant.com</a></p>		X		<p>Please add me to the list of supporters for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.</p> <p>Thank You, Estela Alonso 8525 SW 120th Street Miami FL 33156</p>
430.	04 12 11	<p>Victoria M. Quintana <a href="mailto:vquintana@pricesmart.com">vquintana@pricesmart.com</a></p>		X		<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p>

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						<p>Although I am not one of the parents of this school, it has found its way into my heart.</p> <p>A good friend of mine has two children whom she is in the process of enrolling there. Having had my children in a Charter School for the last 3 years where I am currently located, I know the benefits that this can offer. A school of this nature has great capabilities for the community and the children who are blessed enough to attend. I know that the recent expansion of my children's Charter School has made a great impact on the way that the classes are conducted. It allows the school to keep the class count to a minimum so that the children can truly experience the art of learning in whatever they study. The smaller student count per class that this expansion will allow, gives parents the security of knowing that if their child does not understand something they will receive the individualized attention necessary in order to be able to grasp any necessary concept.</p> <p>Thank you for the time you took to read this and I hope that it will benefit in your decision making process.</p> <p>Regards, Victoria M. Quintana</p>
431.	04 12 11	Paola Mora <a href="mailto:Paola.mora@clubmed.com">Paola.mora@clubmed.com</a>		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location." Paola Mora
432.	04 12 11	Lidia Gonzalez <a href="mailto:lgonzalez@guildfordassoc.com">lgonzalez@guildfordassoc.com</a>		X		I DO NOT OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION.  LIDIA GONZALEZ
433.	04 12 11	Gisela Martinez 8844 Sw 60 St Miami Fl <a href="mailto:martinezgisela@bellsouth.net">martinezgisela@bellsouth.net</a>		X		I support the expansion of somerset Gables at the UBC location!!!  Gisela Martinez 8844 sw 60 st Miami fl
434.	04 12 11	Alex Raton <a href="mailto:araton@barcardi.com">araton@barcardi.com</a>		X		I am a Coral Gables resident and proud supporter for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Regards, Alex Raton
435.	04 12 11	Maria Cristina Alvarez-Milo 2100 S.W. 4 Avenue Miami, FL 33129 <a href="mailto:cmilo@urbandevelopmentgroup.net">cmilo@urbandevelopmentgroup.net</a>		X		To the members of the Planning and Zoning Board,  Please be advised that I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Sincerely, Maria Cristina Alvarez-Milo 2100 S.W. 4 Avenue Miami, FL 33129
436.	04 12 11	Justo Azpiazu <a href="mailto:Justo.azpiazu@efgcapital.c">Justo.azpiazu@efgcapital.c</a>		X		I as a grand parent of a student at Somerset Charter School support and endorse the expansion of the school at their present location. My wife and I long time residents of Coral

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		<a href="#">om</a>				Gables believe that the city needs the school to provide the children a solid education, can not understand the opposition of individuals to good education  Thank you Justo Azpiazu
437.	04 12 11	Anabel Maldonado <a href="mailto:amaldonado@materbeach.com">amaldonado@materbeach.com</a>		X		Hi,  I am a Reading Coach at Mater Beach and know and value the education that our Charters can provide. I would love for friends and family members who live in the area to be able to be a part of the wonderful schools that my children can enjoy here in the beach. I know that they will do everything possible to work with the city and make this school an asset to the neighborhood.  Anabel Maldonado Reading Coach Mater Beach Academy 8625 Byron Avenue
438.	04 12 11	Louis Raton 2024 SW 143 Place Miami, FL 33175 <a href="mailto:lraton@premier-bev.com">lraton@premier-bev.com</a>		X		I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Thank you, Louis Raton 2024 SW 143 Place Miami, FL 33175
439.	04 12 11	Rosanna Toribio Roxitoribio@Gmail.Com 3166 Oak Ave. Miami FI 33133		X		I support the expansion of somerset gables UBC location My Name Is Rosanna Toribio, Roxitoribio@Gmail.Com, Address: 3166 Oak Ave. Maimi FI 33133
440.	04 12 11	Claudia Navarro 301 Santander Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:clapezzia@hotmail.com">clapezzia@hotmail.com</a>		X		To whom it may concern,  As a parent and resident of Coral Gables, I would like to express my strong support for the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. Is time to take some effective steps to solve the problem of our overcrowded public schools in our community. It will be a shame not to use this opportunity to bring a higher level of education to our city. Once again I strongly support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location.  Should you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me.  Sincerely, Claudia Navarro 301 Santander Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33134
441.	04 12 11	Dabney Park 3920 Durango Street		X		My wife and I have a house on Durango no far from the school, and we support it totally. We have two grandchildren at Somerset Grace and we are extremely pleased with the

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		Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:dpark@performanceinc.com">dpark@performanceinc.com</a>				quality of education. Many more children in Coral Gables need and deserve this opportunity. We support expansion of the school to the maximum limit of the MDCPS charter.
442.	04 12 11	Betty Park 3920 Durango Street Coral Gables, FL 33134 <a href="mailto:betty@performancereserach.com">betty@performancereserach.com</a>		X		<p>Of all the things we need in Coral Gables/Miami, is good schools. And that is what Somerset of CG is – a great school. I am a retired teacher (37 yrs.), and I believe that nothing is more important than a good education. I am also a neighbor of UBC, and we need this school for our children and grandchildren.</p> <p>We have two grandchildren enrolled at Somerset now, and they are soaring academically, as are so many of the children there.</p> <p>KEEP THIS SCHOOL IN MY BACK YARD.</p>
443.	04 12 11	Violeta Corniel 19955 S.W. 122 Court Miami, FL 33177 <a href="mailto:Traviesa004@yahoo.com">Traviesa004@yahoo.com</a>		X		The Somerset Academy school has been the best that has happened to me and my family. This is my daughters 2 <sup>nd</sup> year @ Somerset SoMi. She absolutely loves the school and their curriculum. They really cater to each child's need. And even though they are very strict with their policies they are very loving and they take the time to know you by name. I think the city of Coral Gables should give the school a chance and they will not regret it.
444.	04 12 11	Henry Delgado General Manager 1 Washington Ave. Miami Beach, FI 33139 305 6732-2800 <a href="mailto:hdelgado@swrg.com">hdelgado@swrg.com</a>		X		<p>I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location"</p> <p>Henry Delgado General Manager 1 Washington Ave. Miami Beach, FI 33139 305 6732-2800 <a href="mailto:hdelgado@swrg.com">hdelgado@swrg.com</a></p>
445.	04 12 11	Executive Board Somerset Gables Parents Association  Paul Zamek, President Betsy Harper, Secretary Suzette Ruiz, Administrator Jeff Griese Bernie Navarro Cathy Salabarria Patty Zapater		X		<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>We are the Somerset Gables Parents Association. A registered, non-profit corporation in the state of Florida since 2010.</p> <p>We support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the University Baptist Church location. On behalf of the 110 students and families currently enrolled and the hundreds on our waiting list, we respectfully request that the planning and zoning board approve the application under consideration on April 27th,.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Somerset Gables Parents Association is a proud member of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce since 2010.</li> <li>• Somerset Gables will have a positive economic impact on the community creating 50 new jobs with salaries alone of over \$1.8 million.</li> <li>• Somerset Academy, a Florida educational institution with a 14-year record successfully operating high-performing charter schools, is the first charter school system in the nation to achieve "district" accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-CASI) for its commitment to educational excellence and continuous improvement.</li> </ul>

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Somerset Gables is a Miami-Dade County public school; charter schools do not take money away from traditional public schools; charter schools are public schools. When a child attends a charter school, state funding follows that child.</li> <li>Somerset Gables offers a unique dual language curriculum in an innovative, technology-rich and nurturing environment; the school's dual language program currently offers Spanish.</li> <li>The University Baptist Church campus is the ideal location for a school. It is immediately adjacent to the Youth Center and Public Library.</li> <li>The academic building at UBC has over 35 student ready classrooms which are not currently being utilized. Even at the full amount of students requested in the application, the facility would not be used to its capacity.</li> <li>The traffic impact to the neighborhood is mitigated through a professionally developed program employing staggered pick-ups and drop offs without the need to park your vehicle. This system is currently being used at Somerset Gables and there has been zero negative impact to the surrounding neighborhood.</li> <li>Segovia Street with its future improvements has the capacity to handle the distribution of traffic associated with Somerset Gables. Confirmed by the Richard Garcia &amp; Associates professional traffic analysis.</li> <li>Somerset Gables currently has many parents who are neighbors of the school. Somerset understands their needs and is committed to being a good neighbor.</li> <li>The Somerset Gables Parents Association meets regularly with the Coral Gables Neighborhood School Alliance to insure the needs of the surrounding neighbors are being heard and expectations met.</li> <li>Parents are held accountable to following the rules of the school through a mandatory parent/school contract.</li> <li>Somerset Gables has an initial enrollment period for students who live within one mile of the school making it the only true public, neighborhood school in Coral Gables. This will give families who live within one mile of the school the first opportunity to attend Somerset Gables. No other public school in Coral Gables has the ability to provide this opportunity.</li> <li>Somerset Gables is an engaged member of the community; toy drive benefiting Miami Children's Hospital, Coral Gables Farmers Market and Arbor Day Celebration are just a few of the events the school has participated in this year.</li> </ul> <p>Parents and residents of Coral Gables have brought this opportunity to you through their hard work and dedication to this city. We need this school in the City of Coral Gables, we need it to continue at the University Baptist Church campus.</p> <p>We are your neighbors!</p> <p>Sincerely, Executive Board Somerset Gables Parents Association Paul Zamek, President</p>

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446.	04 12 11	María Fernández Gómez, Esq. <a href="mailto:Mfgomez@mac.com">Mfgomez@mac.com</a>		X		"I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location."  María Fernández Gómez, Esq.
447.	04 12 11	Mercedes C. Avino 8095 S.W. 78th Street Miami, Fla. 33143 <a href="mailto:mercyavino@aol.com">mercyavino@aol.com</a>		X		Mercedes C. Avino 8095 S.W. 78th Street Miami, Fla. 33143  I support the expansion of Summerset Gables at the UBC location.
448.	04 12 11	Adrianne Corzo 2539 S Bayshore Drive Apt. 422 Coconut Grove, FL 33133 <a href="mailto:adriannecorzo@bellsouth.net">adriannecorzo@bellsouth.net</a>		X		As a former Coral Gables resident and former student of two elementary schools in Coral Gables, I support the expansion of Somerset Gables at the UBC location. I am a firm believer in the importance of education, and feel strongly a/b the positive impact Somerset Gables will continue to have on the CG community.  Thank you, Adrianne Corzo 2539 S Bayshore Drive Apt. 422 Coconut Grove, FL 33133

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